

# Sutton County Voters Pick Reagan-Bush

Despite not having a single contest race within the county, Sutton County joined the rest of Texas and the nation in turning out in record numbers to elect Republican candidate Ronald Reagan as the next President of the United States.

Reagan took an even 1,000 votes to Jimmy Carter's 485 and 13 each for Libertarian Party hopeful Ed Clark and independent John Anderson. Ted Kennedy received one write-in vote. Only Precinct 4 favored the incumbent in the presidential race, picking Carter over Reagan by a 157-66 count.

Total for other precincts were: Precinct 1, Reagan, 192, Carter, 109; Precinct 2, Reagan, 198, Carter, 79; and Precinct 3, Reagan, 385, Carter, 110.

Freshman Congressman Tom Loeffler for the 21st District was an even bigger winner than Reagan, polling 1,123 votes to just 345 for Democratic Party challenger Joe Sullivan.

A total of 1,520 Sutton County voters went to the polls.

Local candidates, all running unopposed were Bill Mason, 112th District Attorney, 1,173 votes; Charles Sherrill, County Judge, 1,143 votes. Al Elliott, County

Attorney, 1,333 votes; Bill Webster, 1,197 votes; Ann Hill, County Tax Assessor-Collector, 1,185 votes; Preston Love, Precinct 1 Commissioner, 270 votes; and Billy Galbreath, 437 votes.

James G. "Jim" Murray received 905 votes to 458 for R.S. Rudy Esquivel in the race for Associate Justice of the 4th District Court of Civil Appeals.

In other contested state races, Hank Grover edged Buddy Temple 718-600 in a Railroad Commission race, James E. "Jim" Nugent easily defeated H.J. "Doc" Blanchard for the unexpired term on the Railroad Commission, 885-493; James P. "Jim" Wallace outpolled Jim Brady, 752-567 for the Supreme Court Associate Justice spot and Will Garwood received 702 votes to 611 for C.L. Ray for the unexpired term on the Supreme Court.

State Representative Susan Gurley McBee was unopposed in her bid for re-election from the 70th District and received 1,106 votes.

In the proposed constitutional amendments listed on the ballot, Sutton County voters cast their ballots against only Number 5 dealing with the governor's power to exercise fiscal control over the expenditure of appropriated funds.

## Loeffler Easily Wins Bid For Re-Election

Much as expected, Republican Tom Loeffler easily won his bid for re-election, taking 77 percent of the vote to down Democratic challenger Joe Sullivan.

In Sutton County, Loeffler got 1,123 votes to only 345 for Sullivan and six for Libertarian Party candidate William Rice. "We have come a long way in two short years," Loeffler said from his campaign headquarters in San Antonio following last Tuesday's election.

"We have shown what can be done with hard work and dedication to a set of ideals most Americans and most Texans share—less government not more; the return to military strength; shaping events internationally rather than reacting to them; a nation strong again economically with real and lasting jobs for all Americans who are willing to work; and hope for a brighter future for ourselves, for our children and for the children we will never know."

"These are the things I've worked for," he continued. "These are the things the American people believe are important as we enter this most important of decades." "I have worked to make certain the voices of the 21st District have been heard and heeded in the Congress the past two years," the freshman congressman concluded. "I will continue to do so in the 97th Congress and every Congress thereafter in which I am privileged to serve."

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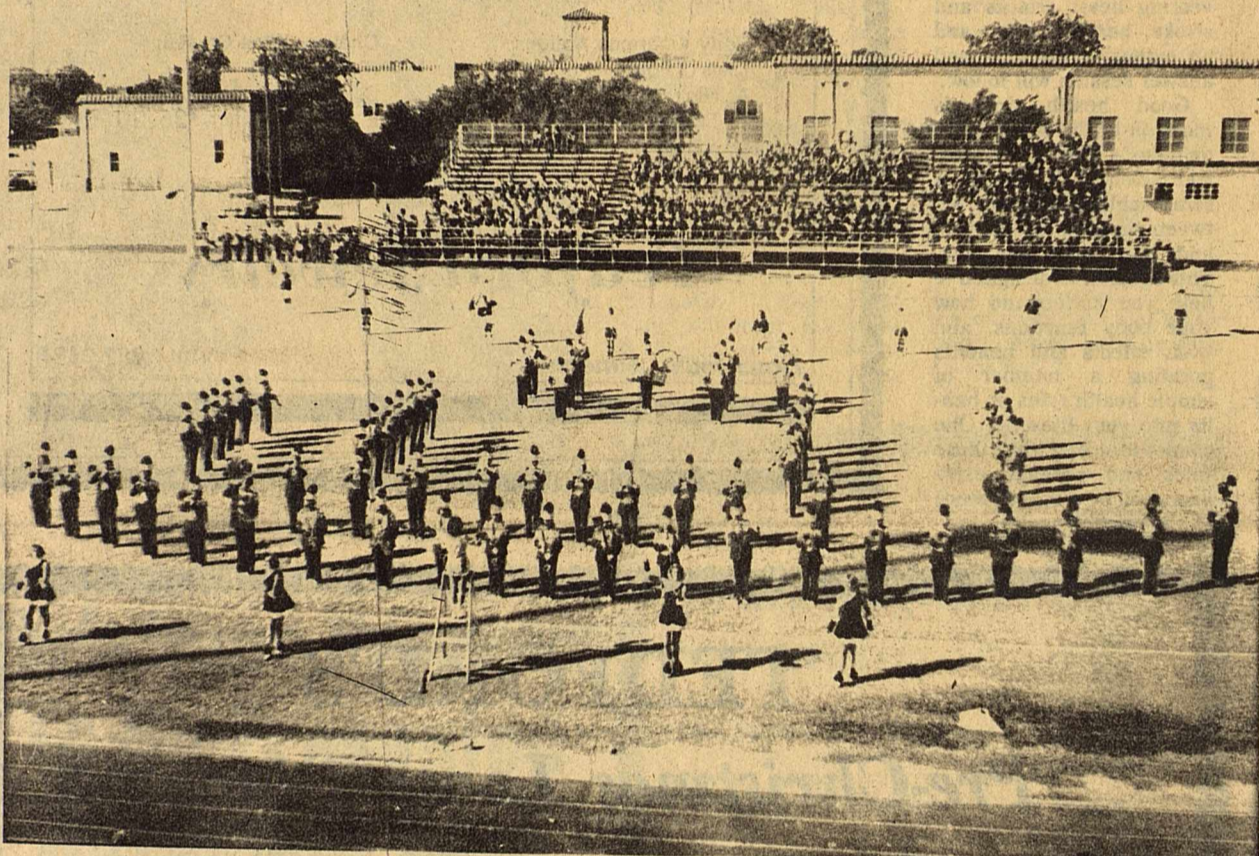
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91st Year

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The Mighty Bronco Band performs its halftime show at Brady last Saturday during the UIL Marching Contest. The band, under the direction of Ed Martinez and

Wayland Rapp, was awarded a unanimous Division I by the judges, the fifth consecutive Division I rating won by th SHS group.

## 20th Annual Game Dinner Slated Tuesday

The 20th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner and Hunting Party in Sonora will be held November 18th at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

Hunters from local, area, state and nationwide will be served a wild game dinner that includes venison, beefalo, dove, antelope, quail, venison chili, wild boar, turkey, son-of-a-gun stew, cabrito and rattlesnake.

Program for the evening will be furnished by Bob Ramsey, a rancher from Hunt, Texas; Conservation Rancher of the Year Award will be presented by Bob Caruthers; Welcome Address by Scott Shurley,

President, Edwards Plateau Game & Wildlife Association and the Hunter of the Year Award will be presented by Charlie McTee.

The annual event is sponsored by the Edwards Plateau Game & Wildlife Association, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, Downtown Lions Club and the Sutton County Garden Club.

Officers of the EPG&WA are President Scott Shurley, 1st Vice President Bob Caruthers, 2nd Vice President Cleve T. Jones III, Secretary Preston Faris and Treasurers Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rosford with Overall Chairman Bill Stewart.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$4, and they entitle the person to the meal and one ticket for the drawings for door prizes to be given away throughout the night. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1.

Ramsey will be making his fourth appearance at the annual event. He will discuss his techniques for rattling up deer, a field in which he is considered THE expert.

For additional information on the Game Dinner, see the Hunters Guide inside this week's edition of the DRN.

## Playoff Set In San Angelo

The bi-district playoff football game between Stamford and Sonora will be played Friday, November 21 in San Angelo Stadium at 7:30 p.m. The details of the game were worked out between school officials meeting in Ballinger last Wednesday.

Sonora will be the home team and will be seated on the west side. The pre-game admission will be \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Admission at the gate will be \$3.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults. There will be no reserved seats.

Game officials will be selected from the Permian Basin Chapter and a statistician will be selected from the San Angelo Chapter and all officials must be acceptable to both

coaches.

The Board of City Development of San Angelo will make arrangements for the stadium, workers, ambulance publicity, programs, concessions, footballs and will provide a trophy to the winning team.

## Youth in Jail Commits Suicide

A 17-year old Wisconsin youth was found hanging in his cell at Sutton County Jail Friday morning, the victim of a suicide.

Tyler Ray Johnson was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Charles Browne. Judge Herman Moore or-

dered an autopsy and results are pending in San Angelo.

The subject had been arrested Oct. 30 along with a companion for riding a stolen motorcycle.

After originally giving an alias and listing Michigan as his home, he was identified later by the Sutton County

Sheriff's Department.

Bexar County Sheriff's Department held warrants for his arrest for burglary felony theft auto and were to have picked him up for transfer back to San Antonio the morning of his death.

He was found hanging in his cell at approximately 7 a.m. by jailer Bob Harris.

According to Sheriff Bill Webster, Johnson used his T-shirt which was wrapped around a clothes hook and his neck.

Johnson was also wanted in Michigan and Wisconsin on charges of auto theft.

Funeral arrangements were pending through Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

## Suzy Rosford Honored By Chamber of Commerce As Citizen of Month

Glen Gisher, president, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced that Mrs. Ken (Suzy) Rosford has been elected as the Sonora Citizen of the Month.

Suzy was born in San Angelo, the

daughter of Horace Linthicum, Eldorado and Katharine B. Davis, San Angelo. She graduated from Eldorado High and attended Texas Christian University at Fort Worth two years.

Suzy has been an employee of the First National Bank since 1957 and has worked in all the FNB departments. She is presently serving as Vice President.

She is presently serving as co-treasurer of the Edwards Plateau Game & Wildlife Association. She is a past director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and held the office of treasurer for that organization. She is a member of the Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary and served as a Secretary to the Board of Directors, FNB.

Also, she serves as the Secretary to the Sutton County Community Fund and as Treasurer of the A&R Disposal Service. She is Secretary/Treasurer of the Allison Educational Trust and was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church. Other church activities include past treasurer, elder and a member of the building committee of the church manse.

In youth activities, she served on the Scholarship Committee of Marketing & Distributive Education.

"Suzy has always been available for community services of all types. She provides an outstanding example of dedication and leadership in every undertaking that she involves herself in" remarked the nominator.

Fisher, joined by the C of C board of directors and honorary board members, the C of C membership roster and Sonorans congratulate Suzy for this honor.

## Kemp, Mrs. Cooper Named C of C Directors

Jerry Kemp and Sandra Cooper were named as members of the Board of Directors of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at the regular monthly meeting on November 15th.

Kemp and Cooper join President Glen Fisher, Vice President Effie Harle, the Reverend Jim Miles, Steve Swift, Ed Carrasco, Ruthie Bounds, Robert Brown and Don Holdridge. Honorary Board members are County Judge Charles Sherrill, Mayor Bill Gosney, City Manager Jim Dover, Christi St. Clair, Fr. John Waldren and Sam Perez.

In other board action, Effie Harle volunteered to walk in the American Heart Association's 'Turkey Walk'

on November 15th. The board also discussed a location for the Chamber of Commerce office, the proposed 3-in-1 city/county map and brochure speaker for the annual banquet tentatively slated for April 9, 1981, the proposed Program of Work and the Santa Fe Railroad project.

A motion was made and carried that Chamber of Commerce board members meet with local motel owners on Wednesday, November 12th at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank building to discuss the proposed Occupancy Tax.

Also discussed was the annual membership drive, but no action was taken at this time.

## Heart Association Plans Turkey Walk for This Saturday at 8:45a.m.

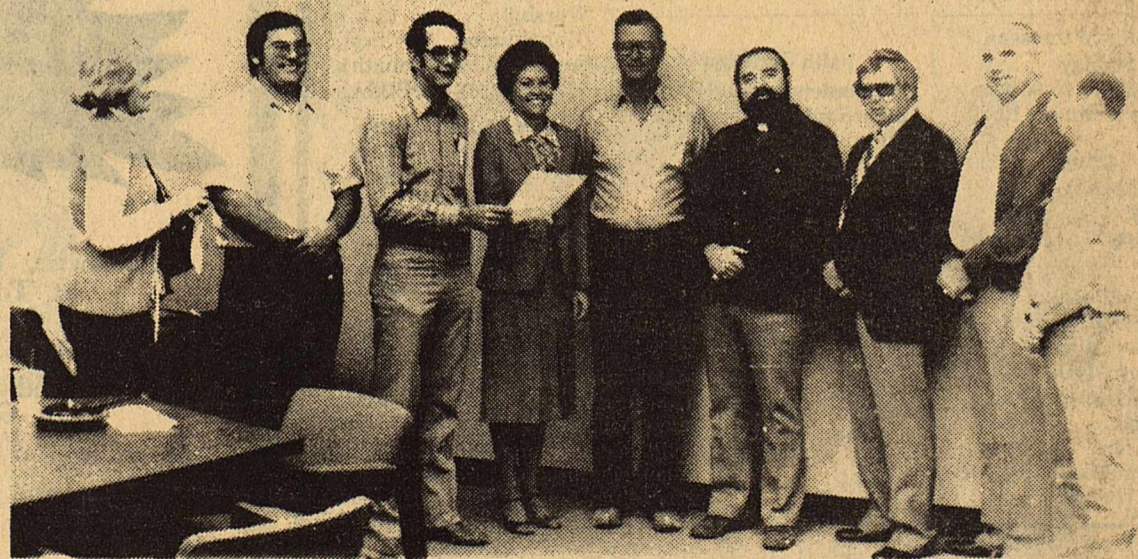
The Sutton County Chapter of the American Heart Association will again sponsor its annual Turkey Walk this Saturday beginning at 8:45 p.m. at the Methodist Church parking lot.

Those interested in walking may obtain their pledge sheets from James Bible at Sonora High School,

Smith Neal at the junior high, Mario Soltello at the middle school or at the Devil's River News.

Walkers should bring their pledge sheets with them at the start of the walk, and they will begin walking at 9 a.m.

All collections must be turned in by Nov. 25.



Various Chamber of Commerce and city and county officials gathered at First National Bank last week as Chamber President Glenn Fisher presented Suzy Rosford with the Citizen of the Month Award. Pictured

are (left to right) Chamber Manager Lou Thomas, Ed Carrasco, Fisher, Mrs. Rosford and husband, Ken, Rev. Jim Miles, County Judge Charles Sherrill, Mayor Bill Gosney and Jerry Kemp.

# Sonora Police Reports

**Monday, Nov. 3**  
8:27 p.m. Caller at restaurant requested extra patrol—someone doing vandalism.  
8:05 a.m. Caller reported an accident.

**Tuesday, Nov. 4**  
Apparently no calls

**Wednesday, Nov. 5**  
9:15 a.m. Caller reported two school age youth under bridge by interstate.  
10:24 p.m. Caller at trailer park reported loud music.

**Thursday, Nov. 6**  
4:40 p.m. Caller at trailer park reported she is having problems with other kids bothering hers.

**Friday, Nov. 7**  
2:23 p.m. Caller reported lady sitting and laying on side of the road by bridge on Crockett before you get to the swimming pool.  
7:10 p.m. Caller reported subjects in white robes on Poplar St.  
10:56 p.m. Caller at bar reported a drunk causing trouble.

1:31 a.m. Caller at restaurant reported there is customer that is possibly drunk or unstable.

**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
8:17 a.m. Caller at service station reported theft of tires.

8:30 a.m. Caller on Orient reported water leak.  
11:53 a.m. Caller at trailer park reported disturbance.  
12:17 a.m. Caller reported vehicle hotrodding on Hwy. 277 S.

**Sunday, Nov. 9**  
2:27 p.m. Caller reported kids on top of buildings downtown.  
4:14 p.m. Caller reported kids riding go-carts on Sawyer Ct. Drive.



Barbara Savell (second from left) presented a program on quilting for a gathering of ladies at the Old Shop last Wednesday. Pictured are (left to right) Joan Cusenbary

Mrs. Savell, Linda Hunt, Pat Sykes and Barbara Earwood. See next week's Devil's River News for a story on the show.

## ASU Schedules Seminar on Longevity Through Changes

Angelo State University's division of Adult and continuing education will present "Better Living and Longevity Through Life-style Changes." The seminar will be especially helpful for those in business, industry, and home. It will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., in the Houston Harte University Center. There will be a fee for those wishing to attend. The cost will be \$15.00 for pre-registration before Dec. 5, and \$20.00 after Dec. 5. The fee includes lunch. The seven point program will be conducted by Albert J. Forlano, Ph.D., former

Professor of Medicinal Biochemistry. Dr. Forlano is head of Medical Seminars and Consultant Services and has presented accredited programs to pharmacists, nurses, physician assistants, and other allied health professionals. He

recently presented a paper at the VII International Symposium on Drugs Affecting Lipid Metabolism in Milan, Italy. Dr. Forlano has authored nine publications and has been granted two patents. He is a member of the American Medical Association.

tion, American Chemical Society, and the American Pharmaceutical Association.

His program will include: exercise, alcohol, high fiber diet, weight control, smoking, use of aspirin in preventing heart attacks and stroke, heart disease, and an extensive question and answer session will follow.

Good health depends more on health habits than on today's wonders of medical science. There is a remarkable correlation between the way people live and how long they live. This seminar is designed to help you understand how your body functions, and what effects and benefits porating a number of simple health rules or habits into your lifestyle. One cannot lose by trying these rules and perhaps extra years will be a consequence of your better health.

**TRI-CITIES  
DESK & DERRICK CLUB**

The election of officer for 1981 was held Nov. 3 at the HNG Building. Officers elected were Joyce Reber, Halliburton Services, president; Frances Dodd, Cotton Equipment, vice president; Hilda Flores, Hooper Trucking, recording secretary; Candy Nelson, Morris Brothers Construction, Corresponding secretary; Sylvia Gamboa, Instratex Gas Co., treasurer; Sheri Barton, Cotton Equipment; Nita Ware, IS&S; and Edna Duren, Sonora Truck and Tractor; were elected as directors.

Joyce Vaughan, CRC Wireline Inc., as past president will be serving in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. Although our first year was a fairly short one, we feel we have gained much through our guest speakers and our first field trip. Bobby French with Amoco Production invited us to attend a frac job. Bobby

explained the frac procedure to us as Halliburton Services was fracing the Stanley Mayfield #14.

After the completion of the frac job, CRC Wireline held a barbecue cookout for the benefit of all employees and guests attending the frac job. Butch Kaufmann of CRC Wireline attended to the cooking and catering.

Until this first field trip, many of us were unaware of the time, equipment, cost and danger involved in drilling a well.

As the new years begins, we would like to thank our employers, sister club members and everyone else who helped to make our first year a successful one.

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, we will have an open installation with a salad supper. We would like to invite our employers, their families and all other oilfield personnel to attend.

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## Sonora Churches

<p><b>Primera Baptist Church</b> Rev. Basilio Esquivel Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 5:30 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. WMU Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Hope Lutheran Church</b> Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Adult Inquirers Class 6:00 p.m. Saturday Confirmation Instruction 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>First Assembly of God</b> Rev. Ned Smith, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Eve. Service 7:00 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> Rev. Jim Miles Sunday Church School 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. (Communion of first Sunday of each month) PCUS/UPCUSA</p>
<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Rev. David Griffin, Pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Jehovah's Witnesses</b> Sunday Public Talk 10:00 a.m. Watchtower Study 10:50 Tuesday Theocratic School 7:30 Service Meeting 8:30 Thursday Bible Study 7:30</p>	<p><b>Faith Christian Interdenominational Bible Study Prayer Group</b> Bible Study Prayer Group Tuesday nights 7:30 pm. at 1302 Glasscock. 387-5069</p>	<p><b>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal</b> Rev. Kenneth Doyle Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Rev. Clifton Hancock Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship 7:00 p.m. Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</b> Bishop Ray Hendershot Joe Moran Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Priesthood 10:00 a.m. Relief Society 10:00 a.m. Sacrament Mtg. 11:00 am Visitors Welcome</p>	<p><b>Saint John's Episcopal Church</b> Rev. John W. Fritts, Pastor Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sun. MP) Wednesday 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist Holy Days as announced</p>	<p><b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> Rev. John Waldron Sat. Vigil Mass 7:00p.m. Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass 7:00 p.m.</p>

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### Tedford Jewelry

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## Gomez-Stubbs Exchange Vows

Diane Gomez and Scott Stubbs were married Oct. 25 in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Fort Worth by the Rev. John Hennessy. Parents of the couple are Jesse and Stella Gomez of 4901 Bonnell in Fort Worth. The bride's sister, Dorothy Gomez, and the bridegroom's brother, Chap

Stubbs, were honor attendants. Groomsman was the bride's brother, John Gomez. The bride wore the wedding gown worn by her mother as "something old" and a new veil as "something new". After a honeymoon in

Nassau, the couple will live in Fort Worth. Both are graduates of North Texas State University.



Mrs. Scott Stubbs

## Chamber Chatter

By Lou Thomas

A letter of appreciation was mailed to Gary Pair from the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Honorary Board members thanking Gary for his civic contribution he has so freely given during his Sonora residency. Gary will be missed downtown and all around! Gary has accepted employment in Austin.

Look for these ladies at the Hunting Party on the 18th: Mary Anne Shurley, Ebbie Sutton, Kim Cole, Nancy Brockman and Billie Renfro. They'll be selling tickets and wearing orange and white caps!

Trans Intercontinental Drilling Corporation will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony (beginning at 10

a.m.) on November 12th and grand opening from 10 til noon, with Red Carpet members serving refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend. Their location is the Adam Morris building on Highway 277 North.

Friendly face around town last week was Dr. Joe Andrews.

C of C Board members and other citizens have signed a letter of appreciation to Bob Kemper, for his various civic duties Kemper performed while living in Sonora. Kemper has only recently moved to Del Rio.

A letter from Fritz Wirt has been received, along with a check confirmation of his attendance at this year's Game Dinner and Hunting Party!



Peggy Lynch

## Christmas Program To Be Presented November 24

Yes, Christmas is a season to warm the heart. A special program has been planned to present Christmas food, packaging and table ideas to the general public.

This program will be presented early so those attending will have time to prepare the items shown before the Christmas rush begins.

Mrs. Susan Mason, home economist with Lone Star Gas in San Angelo will present the program Monday, Nov. 24 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Sutton

County 4-H Center. The program will last 45 minutes to an hour, and Mrs. Mason will give many creative ideas for the upcoming holiday season.

"Christmas-A Season to Warm the Heart" is the title for the program.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office at 387-3604.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

## Engagement Told For Peggy Lynch And Will Wallace

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lynch announce the engagement of their daughter, Peggy, to Will Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wallace.

The couple plans to be married Jan. 10 in the First United Methodist Church.

Miss Lynch graduated from Sonora High School and is attending Texas Tech University.

Wallace is also a graduate of Sonora High School, and is also attending Texas Tech.

## Happy Homemakers To Meet Friday

The Happy Homemakers Extension Homemaker Club will meet Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Charlotte Castro, 614 Allen

Drive. The program for the meeting will be "Let's Talk About Teeth", and everyone is invited.

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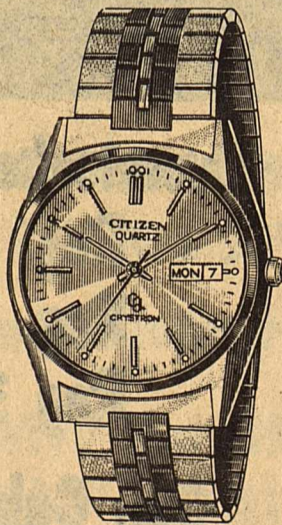
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We're Here To Stay & We're Celebrating ...

Left to Right, Bettye Stewart, Cathy Payne, and Sharon Kemp of the Bright Spot model these evening ensembles from Carefree fashions. Bettye is wearing a solid Navy Top trimmed in lace and a Navy Pin Dot long paneled skirt. Bettye has two children; Alan and Greg who attend our school.

Cathy is married to David Payne. She has three children; Shannon, Michelle, and Connie. Shannon and Michelle attend our School.

Sharon is wearing a Black Solid Top and long Skirt with a black Floral Design and solid Black Panels. Sharon has two children Brittany and David.

100 Crockett

387-2460



David Wills and Leonard Rogers display this gigantic mule deer hung in the locker at Rogers' Grocery last week. Killed by Patch Cochran in Colorado recently, the buck dressed out at 183 pounds.

## Next Week

An indepth look at the need for another ambulance and what Sonorans can do to help.

## Texas Receives \$837 Million During Fiscal Year 1980

Texas received \$837 million during fiscal year 1980 in loans and grants by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) supporting farms, home improvement and community development in rural area, FmHA State Director, W. H. Pieratt, reports.

The agency's farm loan services, which supplement private credit available in rural areas, added \$524 million to Texas's resources for operation of farms during a year of emergency and commercial credit shortage for many farmers.

FmHA home loan programs accounted for \$134 million to build or improve 3,847 homes in town and countryside areas.

Loans and supplementary grants to improve rural community water, sewer, health, fire protection and other public facilities totaled \$78 million for 164 projects throughout the state.

FmHA's service in guaranteeing commercial loans for business and industry that employ rural people accounted for \$101 million in the year ended September 30.

W.H. Pieratt said FmHA's improvement as a multi-purpose rural financial agency, serving rural localities through county and district offices, has resulted in \$1 3/4 billion more farm credit and community development in rural Texas during the past two years.

The state director emphasized that FmHA has been given a lead responsibility in the system introduced this year to coordinate the Federal Government's rural development assistance with goals adopted in local and regional areas of the states.

"This action to implement the Rural Development Act has provided a

clear channel of communication from localities, through their state development organizations, to highest levels of Washington for finding resources to meet the greatest needs of rural areas," W.H. Pieratt said.

"We expect to further improve this system of cooperation during the coming year."

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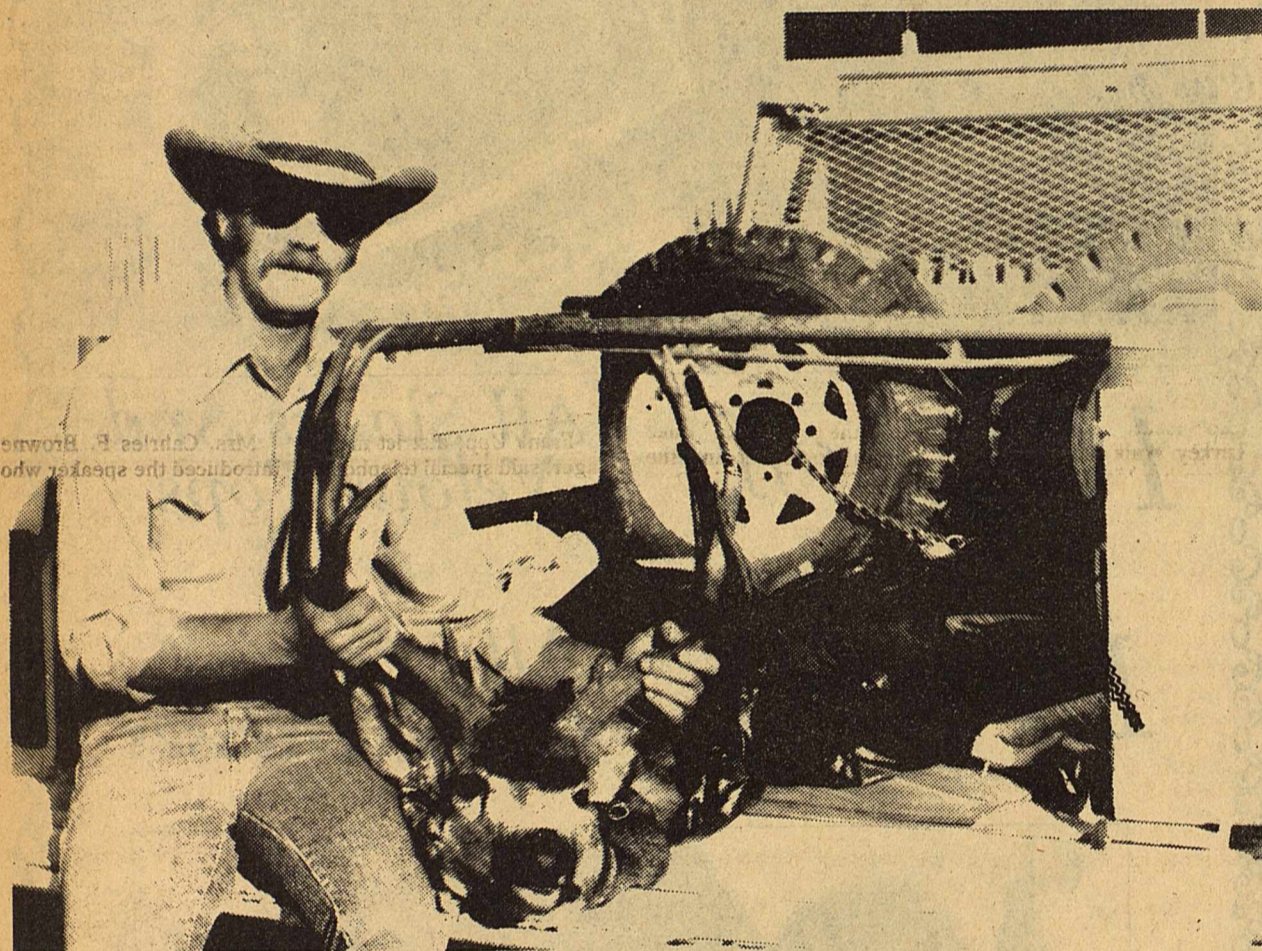
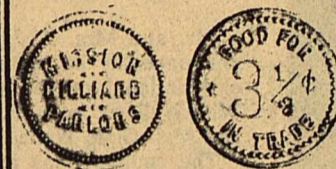
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Craig Collier, At Pearl's  
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Jerry Jackson displays this large deer he killed on a recent trip to Colorado. Jackson said the 10-pointer produced 163 pounds of processed meat.

# Kerbow Furniture Announces

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# Law Enforcement Officers Seek Help In Fighting Crime

"We can't do it alone," Sheriff Bill Webster said in a recent interview. "The public must be on our side in the fight for effective law enforcement."

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complish the job the public demands. "The Sheriffs' Association of Texas, founded over 102 years ago, is constantly working to upgrade law enforcement and insure public safety in our state," Sheriff Webster said. "Our goal is to professionalize sheriffs' departments statewide through

better training, better salaries, and increased public awareness of the problems we face in our everyday work," he said. "Peace officers in Texas are currently required by law to have a minimum of 240 hours of basic training and beginning January 1, 1981, it will increase to 320 hours," the sheriff contin-

ued. "This may sound like a lot to some people, but it's really not. When you think that these officers must go out on the streets, daily, and face murder, rape and organized crime 240 hours is only a drop in the bucket."

"The Sheriffs' Association of Texas has been a strong advocate of more training and more advanced instruction, because we want to provide the kind of protection our citizens and their property deserve," Sheriff Webster said. "With the rapidly rising crime rate and hard economic times upon us, the public cannot afford to look the other way and leave law enforcement to a handful of

people," Sheriff Webster emphasized. "The support and concern of each and every law abiding citizen of Sutton County and every other county is needed in the fight for good, professional law enforcement in Texas." "We just can't do the job alone," Sheriff Webster concluded.

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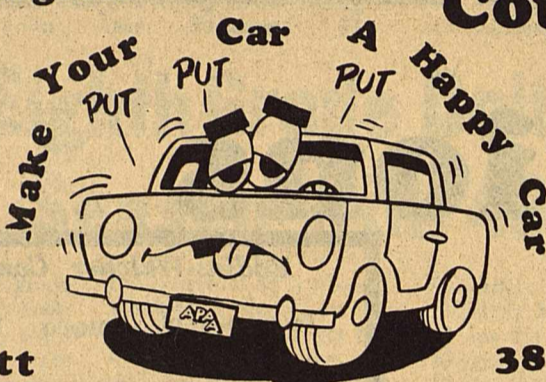


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## State Comptroller Rep To Visit November 14

State Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative from his San Angelo office in Sonora on November 14, 1980 to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Esther Esparza will meet with local taxpayers in the County Clerk's Office at the County Courthouse from 1:00 to

2:30 p.m. "If Sonora area merchants, or anyone else for that matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help preparing state

tax forms, Ms. Esparza will be there to assist them," Bullock said. "We're trying to cut the red tape in this office, and we believe these face to

face sessions with taxpayers help do just that," Bullock added. The San Angelo office serves San Angelo and surrounding counties.

## School Menu

- Breakfast**  
Monday, November 17  
Apple juice  
Corn Flakes  
Milk  
Tuesday, November 18  
Grape juice  
Cinnamon Toast  
Milk  
Wednesday, November 19  
Orange juice  
Cheese toast  
Milk  
Thursday, November 20  
Apple juice  
Glazed donut  
Milk  
Friday, November 21  
Grape juice  
Sausage  
Hot Biscuits/jelly  
Milk
- Lunch**  
Monday, November 17  
Fried fish  
Scalloped potatoes  
Cole slaw

- Cornbread  
Peanut butter cake  
Milk  
Tuesday, November 18  
Chili Dogs  
French fries  
Sliced peaches  
Strawberry jello  
Milk  
Wednesday, November 19  
Hamburger pizza  
Pork'n beans  
Tossed salad  
Carrot cake  
Milk  
Thursday, November 20  
Chicken fried steak  
Mashed potatoes/gravy  
English Peas  
Hot Rolls  
Chocolate cake  
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Friday, November 21  
Ham & cheese sandwich  
Lettuce/tomatoes  
Pineapple tidbits  
Ice cream  
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## Merle Norman Grand Opening Winners Named

Winners of the prizes at the grand opening of Carol's Merle Norman Cosmetics and Accessories have been announced by owner Carol Parker.

Patsy McElraney of Junction won the first prize \$100 of Merle Norman cosmetics. Sheila Halfman of Wall

won second place, \$50 of Merle Norman products, and Jenny Crenwelle of Sonora won \$25 of Merle Norman cosmetics for third place.

## Hospital Auxiliary Holds November Meeting

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary held their Nov. meeting at Pearl's Pizzeria today with Mrs. Earl Eiseaman, President, presiding. Fifteen members attended. It was decided that besides providing the Activities

Director at the Hudspeth Nursing Home with funds for permanent games for the residents, that \$10.00 be furnished this month for small SMALL Bingo prizes. Donations of Bingo Prizes would be greatly appreciated. Bingo is played weekly and the Residents do enjoy it. Donations may be taken to the Activities Director at the Nursing Home.

bed" will provide a comfortable way to spend the night.

## Sharon Hogue & JoAnn Jones Host Meeting For Kappa Gamma

Kappa Gamma Chapter of ESA met Monday, Nov. 3 at the First National Bank in the Founders Room.

Mr. Robertson, the Administrator of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital, has asked the Hospital Auxiliary to serve as Hostesses at a Hospital Open House on Sunday, Dec. 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. At that time the public is invited to see the new X-ray equipment, the Laboratory Analyzer and the Computer for the hospital business office. This new equipment cost approximately \$200,000.00 and will greatly improve the hospital services.

Mrs. Wiseman showed samples of the Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas favors made by Mrs. Myrtle Bridges. They are very attractive and clever and the Auxiliary is grateful to Mrs. Bridges for her great contribution to the patients in the Nursing home and Hospital.

## Effie Harle Volunteers To Walk In Turkey Walk

Glen Fisher, President, Sonora Chamber of Commerce announced this week that Effie Harle has volunteered to walk in the American Heart Association's Turkey Walk on Saturday, November 15th at 8:30 a.m.

## Social Security Office Hours Changed

Effective Monday November 17, The office hours at the San Angelo Social Security office will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Cahrlis F. Browne introduced the speaker who is Mrs. Faye Dunnam, R.N. Mrs. Dunnam gave a very interesting and informative talk on her work with the Hill Country Home Health Agency. This Agency provides skilled Nursing Care to Home-bound patients under the Medicare and Medicaid programs and it is proving a very helpful service to those who need it.

Discussed at the meeting were the upcoming Bake Sale in November and the Youth Disco Dance in December. Hostesses for the meeting were Sharon Hogue and JoAnn Jones. Members attending were Diane Snider, Sharon Hogue, Melissa Slusher, Pam Davenport, JoAnn Jones, Dolores Hodges, Jane Doyle, Debbie Rhinehart, Marlene Evans, and Tina Anderson.

Fisher remarked that Ruthie Bounds will be helping secure pledges for every mile walked by Harle Bounds will be making an appeal to Chamber of Commerce members and other Sonorans interested in helping the local chapter of The American Heart Association.

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# Sporting Chance By Don Holdridge

This has been a great year for Sonora football. The Broncos varsity won the District 8-AAA championship and every single team has a winning record. The eighth grade finished the season with a perfect 7-0 record and will put a 15-game winning streak on the line as freshmen next season.

The Broncos deserve our congratulations for a fine year--and it's not over yet. Playoff fever has hit Sonora, and even those few people who are not rabid football fans are beginning to show some stirrings.

Band. The band won its fourth Division 1 at marching contest last Saturday in Brady and had the rare honor of being named to compete in the State UIL Marching Contest.

While SHS has been having a great year, mine has been totally rotten. (But I'll gladly make the sacrifice.) At least I managed to reach a break even plateau last week, which is better than some I've had this year.

The 10 of 20 effort brings my season total to 131 of 200 for a .665 average. To say the least it could be better.

**Comanche at Brady**  
Upset of the week. Both teams have nothing to play for but pride, but the Bulldogs have to atone for their loss to Coleman. Brady 15-14.

**Ballinger at Coleman**  
This is one of those old rivalries that is never decided until the final gun and that makes it that much harder to pick. Ballinger 22-20.

**Eldorado at Wall**  
The Hawks aren't great, but they're more consistent than the luckless Eagles. Wall 13-6.

**Texas A&M at Arkansas**  
The Razorbacks got embarrassed last week, but the Aggies have been an embarrassment all season. Arkansas 24-0.

**Baylor at Rice**  
Bears slipped up once. They sure won't do it here with a

And there's another group of SHS students who deserve some praise while we're dishing it out--the Mighty Bronco Cotton Bowl berth riding on the outcome. Baylor 38-14.

**SMU at Texas Tech**  
The Red Raiders got upset last week. Now its time for them to do the upsetting. Texas Tech 24-21.

**Texas at TCU**  
The Longhorns are hoping for a miracle in Houston, while a miracle is the only chance the Froggies have. Texas 41-17.

**Abilene Christian at Southwest Texas**  
The Bobcats are smelling the playoff spot they should have had in 1972. A win here almost insures it, but with the big boys. Southwest Texas 35-7.

**Sam Houston at Angelo State**  
The Rams were shocked into reality last week. The Barkats get shocked out of this world this time. Angelo State 40-0.

**East Texas at Stephen F. Austin**  
These two piney woods teams always make a lot of noise in the forest, but the Lumberjacks get felled. East Texas 31-10.

**Texas A&I at Howard Payne**  
This has been an unusual year for the javelinas--unus-

ually bad--but not hat bad. Texas A&I 34-21.

**Notre Dame at Alabama**  
This is where all eyes will be this weekend with a possible national championship on the line. The Tide has the home field, and that should be the difference. Alabama 17-14.

**Missouri at Oklahoma**  
The Tigers are improved this year and the Sooners are down some--but not that far. Oklahoma 27-13.

**St. Louis at Dallas**  
The Cowboys just don't like me. Maybe they're finally awake now. Dallas 31-20.

**Houston at Chicago**  
The match made in heaven--Campbell vs. Payton. Campbell has more angels in blue for help. Houston 24-10.

**Philadelphia at Washington**  
The Redskins got embarrassed last week, and Jack Pardee doesn't like that. The Eagles can't keep winning forever. Washington 21-0.

**Los Angeles at New England**  
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# Hopkins Pleased With Performance Against Bearcats

It's hard for a coach to be displeased when his team wins by 25 points, especially in a game that means nothing, and Jerry Hopkins was no exception with the Sonora Broncos 31-6 win over Ballinger Friday night.

With the District 8-AAA championship and a playoff spot already in hand, the Broncos had nothing to prove, but even though somewhat flat, Sonora completely dominated every phase of the game.

"We eventually played good," Hopkins said. "They changed up their defense against us and we weren't able to adjust real well until we got to the blackboard at halftime."

The Broncos came out throwing the ball early in an effort to practice the passing game and show the Stamford scouts something a little different. But after driving inside the Ballinger 30-yard line on each of their

first four possessions, they still had nothing to show for on the scoreboard.

Hopkins said the defensive change by the Bearcats took some adjustments, and as they proved later, they could run on it easily.

"We realize that we could run on that defense, but we wanted to work on our passing game to see what kind problems we needed to correct," Hopkins continued. "Besides, we didn't want them dictating what we did."

Hopkins admitted the approach was successful as it allowed the coaching staff to pinpoint some problems, and the team needed to throw since they hadn't had much chance to do so.

"You've got to (throw) to win when you get in the playoffs," he added.

Hopkins said fullback Rex Surber, who had 88 yards rushing on 12 attempts, and quarterback

David Creek all had good games as well as all the receivers.

He also had high praise for the defensive unit, tackle Wesley Barton in particular.

Hopkins said it was hard to pinpoint people since he had not looked at film as of Monday afternoon, but

added, "We must have been doing something right."

The defensive unit allowed Ballinger gains of over two yards only twice in the first half.

Hopkins was naturally happy to be back in the playoffs, making his first trip since he was at Seguin

in 1973, and was nonchalant about the open date this week.

Hopkins said the open date would help from the standpoint of injuries, saying halfback Johnny Doan (back) linebacker Robert Ponsetti (hand) and guard Mike Villanueva (ankle) should all be back at 100 percent.

The big question mark for the Broncos bidistrict showdown with Stamford, though is center Ben Ingham.

Ingham suffered a freak knee injury in practice last Wednesday, and missed the Ballinger game. He went to San Antonio to consult with a specialist

Monday, and his chance of playing may be in jeopardy.

Hopkins used sophomore Espy Whitehead in the center slot Friday to evaluate his play, but could possibly move tackle David Sanchez over since he has played center before.

Hopkins also said some coaches looked at an open date as a possible since its breaks the routine. He said they would not be rushing into preparation for the Stamford game, in fact, they probably will not start intensive work until the end of the week.

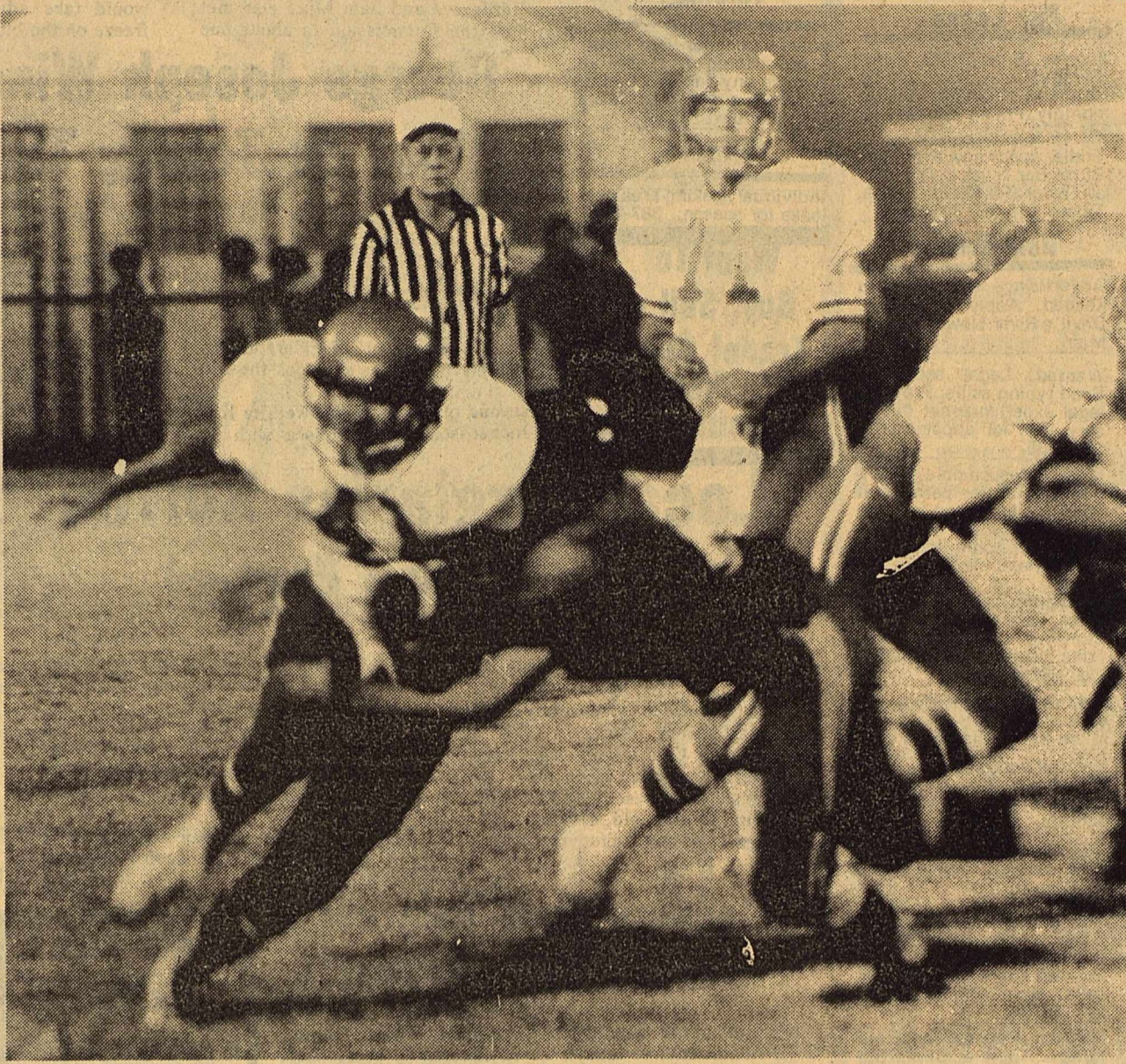
"Stamford has a real fine offensive football team," the Broncos coach said. "What they do well is what usually gives us problems.

They run the option and pass well and have good speed, although they are not real big."

Hopkins said he had not really started studying the Bulldogs in depth, but felt our offense should be able to move the ball on them.

"Without a lot of study, I wouldn't want to say their defense is weak, but their offense is definitely their strong point," he concluded.

The bidistrict contest, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in San Angelo Stadium Nov. 21, will be the first playoff trip for the Broncos since 1972. They did not share the district title in 1978, but lost the coin flip to Kermit for the right for a playoff berth.



Joe Longoria tries to shed a Ballinger tackler after a sizeable gain in last Friday's 31-6 win over the

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## Girls Open Cage Season

### Eldorado First Foe

Football season is winding down into the playoffs, but basketball season starts Saturday for the Bronco girls as they host Eldorado.

Coach Walter Holik will start a lineup of seniors Paula Friess, Tonya Evans and Debbie Kemp and juniors Jessica Robledo and Rosa Noriega.

Three-year starter Annabelle Gonzales will see only limited playing times as she nurses a strained knee. A second-team all district selection last season, she strained a knee in practice recently and Holik said he did not want to take a

chance on pushing it two soon.

The Bronco girls are defending district champions this year, and Robledo was an all-district pick as a sophomore last season.

Holik says Eldorado's height will provide a good challenge for his shorter girls.

"We'll have to go on speed this year," Holik said. "Our main asset should be our press when it's working well."

While Eldorado will have at least two girls in the 6-0 range, Sonora will counter

with their tallest girl, Friess at 5-8.

Other varsity members are Daphney Smith, Tonya Ridgeway, Julie Stewart and Maray West.

The freshman game will start the action Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Bronco gym, followed by the junior varsity at 6:30 p.m. and varsity at 8 p.m.

All three teams will also tangle with Junction here Tuesday with the first game beginning at 4:30 p.m. and then travel to Eldorado for a rematch Thursday at 5 p.m.

### Ballinger ... Con't. from P. 7

San Angelo Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

#### Individual Statistics

**Sonora**  
 Rushing--Doan, 7 carries, 128 yards, 1 TD; Surber, 12 carries, 88 yards; 2 TD's; Creek, 12 carries, 26 yards; Longoria, 5 carries, 24 yards; Hopkins, 4 carries, 17 yards, 1 TD; Buitron, 3 carries, 14 yards; Favila, 3 carries, 6 yards.  
 Passing--Creek, 12-22-2, 175 yards; Blankenship, 1-1, 17 yards.  
 Receiving--Vallejo, 4 catches, 77 yards; Surber, 1

catch, 29 yards; Doan, 3 catches, 25 yards; Carrol, 2 catches, 22 yards; Hopkins, 1 catch, 17 yards; Favila, 1 catch, 12 yards; Noriega, 1 catch, 10 yards.

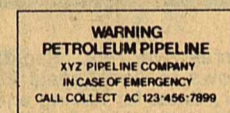
#### Ballinger

Rushing--Elliott, 11 carries, 39 yards; Salas, 8 carries, 20 yards; Escobar, 9 carries, 34 yards; Manley, 6 carries, 15 yards.  
 Passing--Elliott, 0-9-0, 0 yards; Michalewicz, 5-10-0, 46 yards, 1 TD.  
 Receiving--Cozart, 4 catches, 36 yards, 1 TD; Gonzales, 1 catch, 10 yards.

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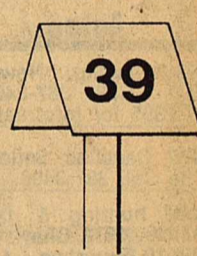
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West Texans, basically conservative anyway, are jubilant following the election of Ronald Reagan as 40th President of the United States.

Vote count across the 40 counties where this column is read showed an overwhelming landslide in favor of the Republicans from president to re-election (by nearly 80 percent) of Tom Loeffler as the 21st District Congressman.

"This country is in such bad shape from economy to everything else," commented a Big Lake ranchman, "it will take all eight years of Reagan and two terms from Vice President-elect George Bush to turn it around."

Well, lets hope the tide will start turning much earlier. For West Texas, besides always needing another rain, land owners are hoping for a repeal of the windfall profit tax. We have felt the pinch from increased costs for pumping water, drilling wells and feeding livestock.

That feeling of dissatisfaction and the desire to do something about it was aided in West Texas by the opening of those new two-party avenues which gave conservatives new alternatives for voting," writes one newspaper columnist.

We had to change things from the White House to the do-nothing Congress. A general sentiment by young and old alike voiced a quicksand picture of the nation's current environment. I don't interpret the voters mandate so much an endorsement of the GOP but more a desire to turn from liberalism back to conservatism.

I grew up on a Hill Country ranch where conservatism was a way of life. We watched our money and were "close" with it. Nothing but feed was purchased on credit and even then, we didn't exceed the margin of income forecast by the wool-mohair market at the next shearing. We had debts but we did without in some areas until the debts were paid.

Growing up at Junction and listening to the teachings of "Mr. Conservator," the late Texas Governor Coke Stevenson, I was fortunate to receive good lessons in management. Perhaps I could have listened better, but ten years ago Gov. Stevenson warned of this day of reckless spending by the liberals. "No government can go on and on without a pay-as-you-go plan," he said once.

That message is the message of the people. The government must be of and for the people. The federal government should not project the image of a white bearded old man dictating to the people what we must do and showing a whip at tax paying time. And that image cannot, on the other hand, be a Santa Claus, either. Runaway government must be reduced.

Also, the tax burden must be lighter and the inflated dollar restored. Personally, my vote was against President Carter's formula. I have four daughters and our grocery bill and other expenses are outrageous. My wife and I both work and still have a difficult time making ends meet. We have ranchland too, so although we are



Betty Stewart (left) and Sharon Kemp display two of the dresses from the Bright Spot. The two started the business just over two years ago, and are having a sale to celebrate their second anniversary.



### Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

middle income people and are blessed more than many, we had reached the point of "can we go on much longer like this?"

Who knows for sure if living will be better under President Reagan? We do know that Carter could not guarantee a paved road with less chug holes then the last four years. What we all have as concerned Americans with a new conservative movement is a renewed hope. After all,

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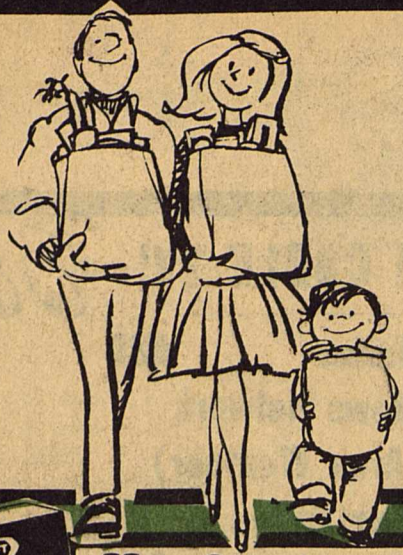
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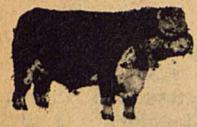
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# Sutton County Ranch News



## TS&GRA Industry News

After chipping away at us for several years now, the federal government recently began pitching a few favorable signs toward the sheep and goat industry. That the most recent and encouraging of those signs came from an incumbent administration roughly a week before a close election doesn't really dim its glow

too much. That encouragement came in the form of USDA Agricultural Marketing Service administrator Barbara Schlei, who visited San Angelo to discuss the future of our industry. Schlei told TS&GRA that she's optimistic about the sheep and goat industry, given the apparent leveling

off of the numbers decline, an "enormous turnaround" in consumer demand for wool and mohair products, and the "very real" market for lamb meat.

"If there was ever a time to say we believe in the industry, now is the time," she said.

As evidence of her faith, Schlei promised that USDA will include full funding for the Albany, Calif. textile laboratory that works to develop and improve methods of using our products. For several years now, USDA has neglected to provide for this funding, leaving it to the industry to wrangle the necessary money directly from Congress.

As a result, funding for the Albany lab has been a touch-and-go proposition, and at the times it looked like we might lose the facility entirely.

Though we have no illusions about the timing of Ms. Schlei's visit, the news she brought us on the Albany Lab Funding is welcome. And, to be frank, her interest in this project goes back well beyond the election-eve rush.

She also told us something else we thought was encouraging, particularly in light of our sometimes abysmal treatment at the hands of federal environmental extremists in recent years. Ms. Schlei told us she actually believes sheep and goats are important to a balanced ecology!

That's like someone at the Department of Energy telling an oil man he really does play a worthwhile part in the scheme of things after all. Unfortunately, she didn't have much to offer in the way of a solution to that problem, but then neither has anyone else in the federal government.

Back on the brighter side, Ms. Schlei said she thought the pendulum swing that's carried us into the never-never land of environmental simple-mindedness has about reached the end of its stroke.

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## Texas Farm Bureau Shows Increase In Membership

Membership in the Texas Farm Bureau has reached an all-time high of 263,218 member families, according to Carrol Chaloupka, Dalhart, president of the state's largest general farm organization.

Texas Farm Bureau surpassed the quarter of a million member mark during 1980. Last year's membership total was 249,210, which means the organization gained 14,008 members during its fiscal year ending Oct. 31, Chaloupka said.

A total of 196 of the 213 organized county Farm Bureaus showed an increase in members, he said. This was the 27th consecutive year for Texas Farm Bureau to gain in membership.

The ten largest counties, in terms of membership size, are: Harris, McLennan, Ft. Bend, Fayette, Wharton, Van Zandt, Brazos, Ellis, Bell, and Collin.

The farm organization is affiliated nationally with the American Farm Bureau Federation, which has over

3.2 million member families organized in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Texas ranks third, behind Indiana and Illinois.

"Farm Bureau is a free, independent, non-governmental voluntary organization of farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement," Chaloupka said.

John Dublin, who ranches near Eldorado and Barnhart, comments: "There is an acorn crop in liveoak country this fall but the acorns are not maturing and are falling to the ground as little green kernels.

Besides some grass for livestock graze on across West Texas, Dublin says he has the best crop of prickly pear apples in years. With an early frost behind us now, the apple crop may provide some added supplement for livestock and game this fall.

## Effective Methods To Control Brush In Winter

Chaining, root plowing and grubbing are all effective mechanical methods for controlling brush during fall and winter months, says a range brush and weed control specialist.

Chaining involves using a heavy anchor chain (weighing 40 to 90 pounds per foot) 150-300 feet long and drawn between two crawler type tractors, points out Dr. Tommy Welch with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Chaining uproots or breaks of brush.

Chaining of live brush species that have the capability of sprouting from a bud zone beneath the soil will provide only temporary control. However, chaining following a herbicide treatment provides effective and economical brush control, particularly of mesquite.

Chaining is effective on areas supporting mesquite trees 4 to 5 inches or more in diameter. Chaining of sprayed areas uproots most large trees, increasing the duration of control over that obtained from herbicide control alone. Dead or partially dead mesquite trees are easier to uproot than unsprayed, live plants.

Root plowing is also effective in controlling brush but it's expensive. There-

fore, it's best suited for sites with high production potential, points out Welch. Root plows with fins usually provide best control, but they also destroy existing turf. If existing turf is to be saved, a thin-bladed root plow without fins will minimize turf damage.

Grubbing works well on thin stands of brush and is also useful as a maintenance control measure. Use of a small crawler tractor to grub thin stands of small brush species is a good practice, believes Welch.

Plans are available from the Extension Service for a grubber developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for use on small crawler tractors.

A grubbing unit may be placed on rubber-tired farm tractors and may be re-mounted or attached to a front-end bucket loader. The tractor should be equipped with puncture resistant tires such as steel-belted logging tires, recapped aircraft tires, or foam-filled tires.

Rubber-tired wheel loaders may also be equipped with a grubbing unit, says Welch.



## Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

D.K. McMullan says he has not seen as many turkey and deer around Ozona as his neighbors believe are there. Yet, in other parts of the county, game observers report high population prospects for hunting season are indeed there and fat.

I was down on Copperas Creek in Kimble County cutting wood and saw a good looking bunch of wild turkey coming to water. And deer are around but not as plentiful as other years.

Speaking of Sanderson Country, Rick Honaker, manager of Sanderson Wool Commission Company, said a recent sale was most successful.

"Offered for sale were 24,496 pounds of paint wool, paintfree wool, 137,809; fall lamb, 18,444 pounds; paint lamb, 6,045 pounds; cross-bred lambs, 6,286 pounds; twelve months, 25,257 pounds, the months 9,399 pounds, for a total of 227,736 pounds," he said.

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Sutton County finally received some good moisture to set it up for winter.

The same is true in Terrell County. Sid Harkins reports "things are looking better out here."

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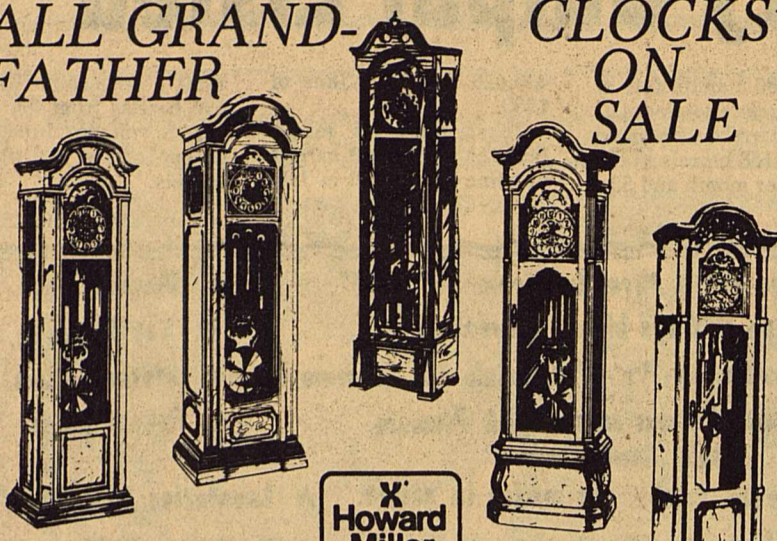
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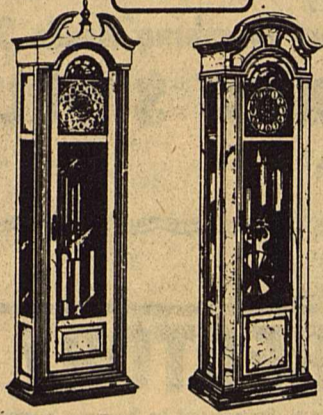
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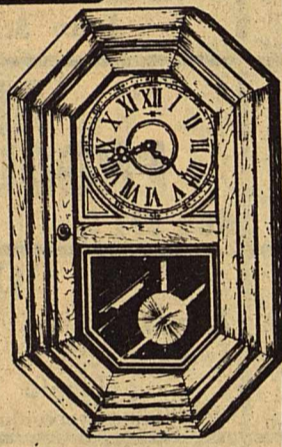


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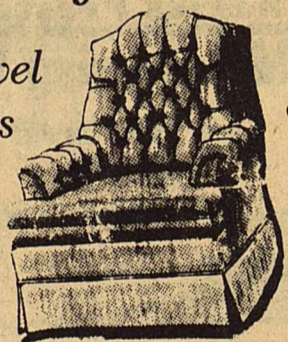
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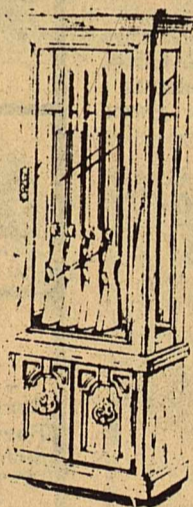
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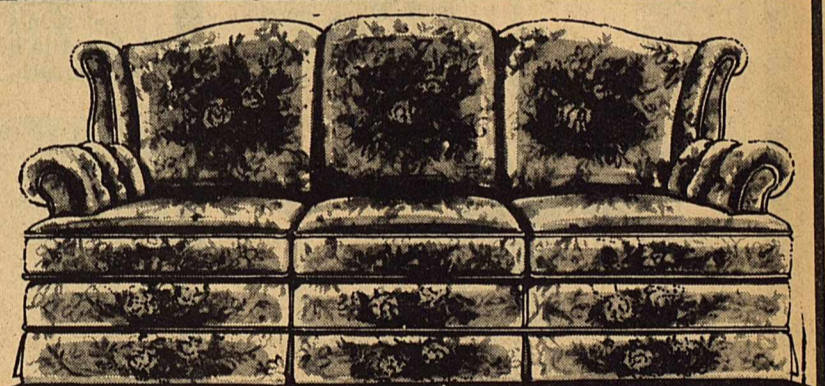
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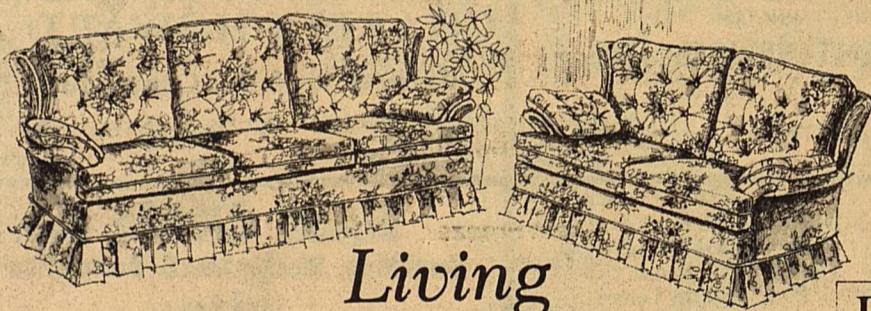
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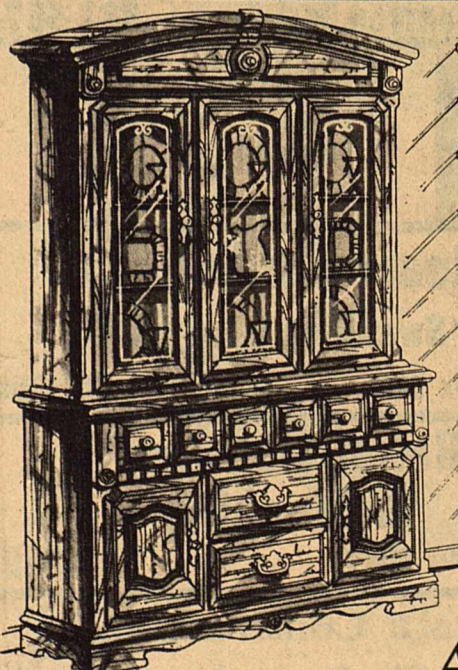
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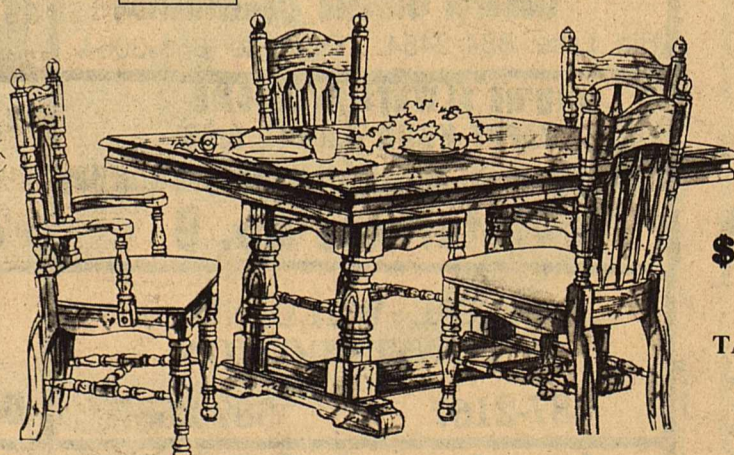
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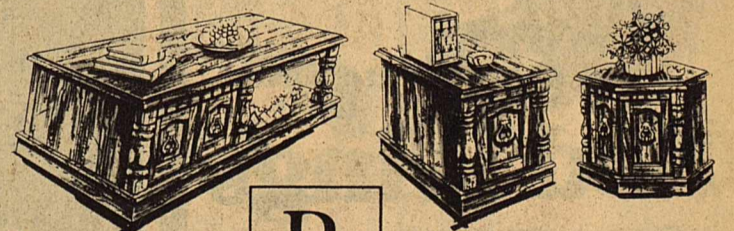


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## Guar Gum Increases Importance

Ice cream and oil well drilling mud have more in common than one might immediately perceive. Although consumed for entirely different purposes, both products contain a common ingredient—guar gum—which stiffens their composition.

Actually, guar gum is used in over 400 products,

yet guar is considered a "minor" crop because only 75,000 acres of this drought tolerant summer annual legume are grown in the U.S., and most of them in Texas.

Other uses of this highly versatile product include whip and chill puddings, paints, whipped cream substitutes, cloth and paper sizing, some steak sauce, instant oatmeal, aluminum drink can lining, pharmaceuticals and as a blood thickener. And the list goes on.

By far the largest use of this incredible product is in mud and fracturing compounds used in the oil drilling industry. Guar thickens these substances and keeps particles in suspension.

These industrial applications used around 70 percent of over 70 million metric tons consumed in 1979 with only about a third of this amount coming from domestic sources.

However, guar is a little known and even less understood crop. The seed contains a rather large endosperm which is somewhat of a rarity since most other legumes contain little or no endosperm. This endosperm contains galactomannan gum which forms a thick gel when placed in cold water.

Guar was introduced into this country in the early 1900's from India, where it is grown for human consumption, cattle feeding and as a green manure crop for its soil-building properties.

Commercial production began in the early 1950's in South Texas, but the center of production quickly moved to the sandy soils of the Rolling Plains of Texas and Oklahoma. Because of climatic problems, guar cannot be grown successfully in areas above 3,000 feet in altitude. Hence, little is planted on the High Plains.

Due to excellent growing conditions in Southwest Texas, this area is considered ideal for guar production. Ken Stephens, a representative of the Celanese Corporation, one of the few companies in active pursuit of the rapidly expanding guar market.

"We feel the future for guar is excellent here," he says. "We hope to have 30,000 acres under contract here within the next two years."

At present, the Celanese Corporation's Vernon Plant believed to be the world's largest such facility, and

the Hinkle Company's plant in Kenedy are the only guar processing plants for this predominately Texas crop.

Stephens says a minimum of 150,000 acres of guar are needed to keep this company's Vernon plant in operation. Eighty percent of this figure normally comes from imported Indian or Pakistani beans, the remainder from domestic sources. His Company prefers to purchase "home-grown" beans whenever possible. These beans, he says, are of higher quality, come from more dependable sources and are much easier to obtain.

Last year, guar producers received \$10 per hundred pounds for their efforts. Seed bean growers who passed more rigid quality control checks received a bonus. Price this year is up \$5 per pound.

Stephens says all transactions are strictly on a contract basis, eliminating price drops due to supply-demand fluctuation. "We're buying all the guar beans we can locate," he stresses. "Growers are guaranteed a minimum price before seeds go into the ground. During the past 15 years, prices have moved upward in fairly steady plateaus with no steep fluctuations like the major crops have experienced."

Jose G. Pena, area economist in Uvalde with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, points out that guar plantings in Southwest Texas jumped from 2,000 acres a year ago to around 19,000 acres this year. Pena estimates about 70 percent of this crop will be harvested with yields averaging 1,500 to 2,000 pounds per acre from irrigated fields and around 1,200 pounds on acre from dryland fields.

"The price increase to 15 cents a pound provided a substantial farmer incentive, but the ability to plant guar as late as June and July provides producers an opportunity to plant it in fields lost to early freezes and other weather related problems in 1980," he explains.

The economist says guar can be used in most rotations because it can increase yields of following crops by as much as 20 percent.

After guar beans have been combined, the foliage can be plowed under as a soil conditioner or grazed by livestock.

## Refinery Output Listed

Sixty-one refineries in Texas processed 131,297,971 barrels of crude oil and hydrocarbon blends during July 1980, according to their reports to the Railroad Commission.

This volume compares with 150,221,573 barrels in the previous July, the Commission's Administrative Services Division reported in its monthly recapitulation of Texas refinery operations. Inputs of crude oil and blends totaled 132,056,069 barrels in June 1980.

Texas refineries ran 107,187,449 barrels of crude oil in July compared to 126,856,671 barrels in July 1979 and 107,898,326 barrels, in June 1980.

Products manufactured in July 1980 totaled 132,136,008 barrels, down from 148,768,994 barrels in the same month the previous year, and down from the 134,728,884 barrels in June 1980.

July 1980 manufacture of motor gasoline totaled 42,995,303 barrels, compared to 58,853,158 barrels in the year-earlier month and 53,

430,629 barrels in June of 1980. Texas refineries manufactured 10,059,043 barrels of home heating oil in July

1980—a decrease of 2,296,590 barrels from the year-earlier volume. June 1980 output was 9,103,451 barrels.

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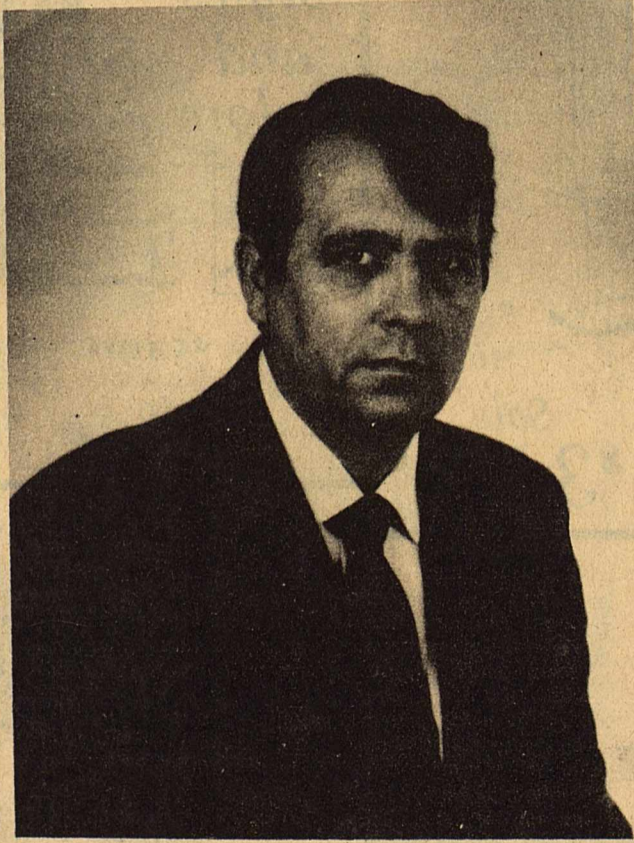
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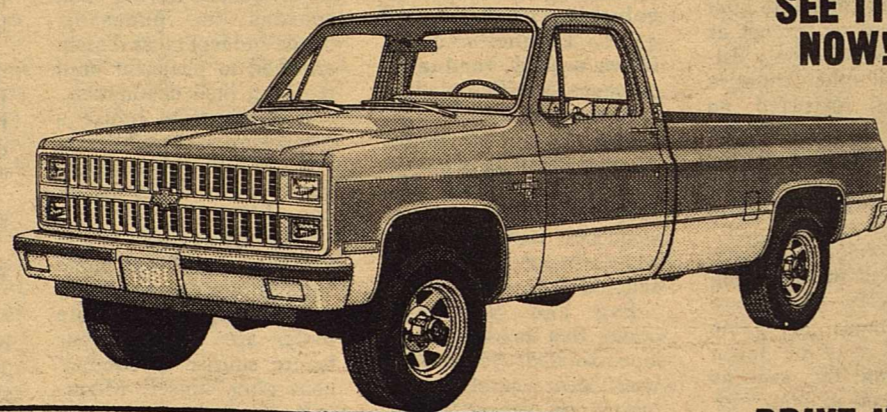


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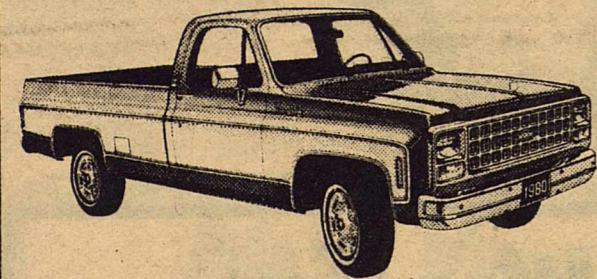
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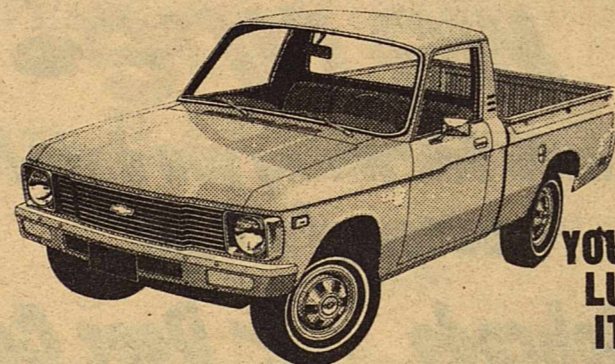
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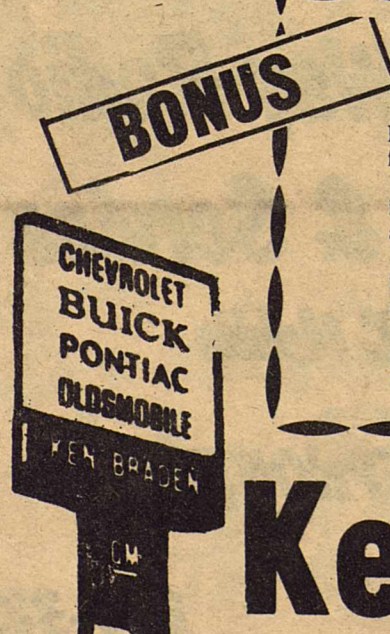
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# Hunters Guide

A Special Section To The Devil's River News

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## Come To The Hunting Party!!!



Bob Ramsey, Hunt rancher and noted wildlife specialist, demonstrates his technique in rattling up a deer. Ramsey will be the guest speaker for the 20th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner and

Hunters Party. The annual, uniquely-Sonora event is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Sutton County 4-H Center. For more on Game Dinner, see Page 6.

**J.P. Doodles**

by Barry McWilliams



# Welcome Hunters!

Welcome, hunters, to the best hunting country in Texas. During your stay here, we hope you enjoy our big, beautiful country and that your hunt will be the most successful ever.

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There are numerous others who have made their contributions to this year's Hunters Guide. Among them are County Agents Preston Faris and Sarah Wade, photographer Herb Jones, Game Wardens Nolan Johnson and Rodney Knight, Game Biologist Calvin Van Hoozer and numerous people with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

And of course, we want to thank you, the hunter, for choosing our area for your hunt. Be careful, have fun and come back next year!

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## Hunting Regulations ... Cont. From P. 26

be hunted from an automobile on private property.

Recordings or electrically amplified calling devices may not be used to attract game animals or game birds in regulatory counties.

Deer calls may not be used in hunting deer in non-regulatory counties, but antlers may be rattled.

Artificial light of any form may not be used to take game animals and game birds.

Cables, chains, ropes or other devices connected between moving objects may not be used when hunting pheasant in regulatory counties.

Dogs: It is illegal to hunt deer with dogs, except as provided in the county listing. In all other counties except as restricted no more than two dogs may be used for trailing wounded deer. A wounded deer is defined as a deer leaving a blood trail.

Game animals and game birds: All of the following wild species listed are game animals or game birds and may be taken only during the seasons provided and as otherwise restricted in the following county listing.

Game animals: Antelope, black bear, deer, desert bighorn sheep, elk, javelina (collared peccary) and squirrel (grey or cat and fox or red squirrel) and in Armstrong, Briscoe, Don-

ley, Floyd, Hall, Motley, Randall and Swisher Counties only, aoudad sheep. In Bexar County only, non-individually owned wild axis deer are wildlife resources.

In all counties except those with specified restrictions, a buck deer is a deer with a hardened antler protruding through the skin and all other deer and antlerless or doe deer.

Spike bucks are legal deer in all counties except as otherwise stated in the county listing.

Game birds: All wild varieties of turkey, prairie chickens, pheasants, chachalacas, grouse, partridge bobwhite quail, scaled quail, Gambel's quail, Mearns' quail, band-tailed pigeons, red-billed pigeons and shore birds.

Migratory game birds: All wild varieties of ducks, geese, brant, coot, rails, gallinules, plovers, snipe, woodcock, mourning doves, white-winged doves and sandhill cranes.

Bag and possession limits: Bag limits for antelope, aoudad sheep, black bear, deer, javelina and turkey are season limits, and where "archery" seasons are provided, the bag limit is both the "regular" and "archery" seasons combined.

Bag limits for squirrel, chachalaca, pheasant, prairie chicken and quail

are the maximum number that may be killed during the legal shooting hours in any one day whether picked up and kept or not. The possession limit is the maximum number that may be in any one person's possession at any time. On the first day of any open season the possession limit is the same as the daily bag limit. A reasonable effort must be made to retrieve all wounded game animals or game birds and these animals or birds shall become a part of the legal bag limit. All animals or birds taken into possession must be kept in an edible condition. In all counties having open seasons for pheasant, heads and feet must remain attached to pheasant until reaching final destination.

It is illegal to refuse a game warden permission to search your automobile, game bag or other receptacle. Legal shooting hours: Shooting hours for all game animals and game birds, except migratory game birds, are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Migratory game bird shooting hours will be specified in the migratory game bird supplement to this publication. Game storage, shipment and sale: Game birds or animals may be stored indefinitely. Shipment may

be made to one's home or to a taxidermist if an affidavit is attached showing that the game was legally taken.

Taxidermists and tanners may sell unclaimed mounted heads or hides of game animals for the amount due for labor performed. Sale of all other game birds or game animals, dead or alive or parts thereof, except deer hides and antlers, is prohibited except as provided for licenses game bird and game animal breeders.

**County Listing**  
Crockett (I-10) Regulatory.

Deer-archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 3 deer, limit 2 bucks (archery, either sex, no antlerless permits required; regular buck or antlerless, antlerless by permit).

Mule deer, archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 29-Dec. 7; 2 mule deer, limit 1 buck (archery, buck only; regular, buck or antlerless, antlerless by permit).

Javelina, no closed season; 2 javelina.

Squirrel, no closed season no bag limit.

Quail, Oct. 25-Feb. 1

Turkey, archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 2 turkeys either sex; spring season, Apr. 18-May 3; 1 gobbler.

Kimble (I-13) Regulatory except archery hunting for doe deer.

Deer, archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 3 deer, limit 2 bucks (archery, either sex, no antlerless permits required; regular, buck or antlerless, antlerless by permit).

ed; regular, buck or antlerless, antlerless by permit only.

Javelina, no closed season; 2 javelina.

Squirrel, no closed season; no bag limit.

Quail, Nov. 15- Feb. 15.

Turkey, archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 2 gobblers or bearded hens.

Schleicher (H-11) Regulatory.

Deer- archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 3 deer, either sex, limit 2 bucks, no antlerless permits required.

Javelina, no closed season; 2 javelina.

Squirrel, no closed season; no bag limit.

Quail, Nov. 15- Feb. 15

Turkey, archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 2 gobblers or bearded hens; spring season, Apr. 18- May 3; 1 gobbler.

Turkey, archery Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 2 turkeys, either sex, spring season, Apr. 18- May 3; 1 gobbler.

Sutton (I-11) Regulatory. Deer, archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 3 deer, limit 2 bucks (archery, either sex, no antlerless permits required; regular, buck or antlerless, antlerless by permit only).

Javelina, Oct. 1- Jan. 4; 2 javelina.

Squirrel, no closed season, no bag limit.

Quail, Nov. 15- Feb. 15

Turkey, archery, Oct. 4-Nov. 2; regular, Nov. 15-Jan. 4; 2 gobblers or bearded hens; spring season, Apr. 18- May 3; 1 gobbler.



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# 1980-81 Hunting Regulations

### Licenses

All licenses issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, regardless of month issued, are valid ONLY during the period September 1 through August 31 of the following year, except game breeder, and those issued for a specific number of days.

It is unlawful to hunt or fish under the license of another, or allow another person to hunt or fish under your license or to possess more than one hunting license.

Combination hunting and fishing: \$8.75. A single license which is valid for all Texas citizens required to have either/or both resident hunting and fishing licenses as listed at the beginning of the sections below marked "Licenses-Hunting" and Licenses-Fishing."

Duplicate hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing: 50 cents, if original is lost or destroyed.

### Licenses-Hunting

Resident hunting: \$5.25. Required of all Texas citizens who hunt outside of the country of their residence or who hunt deer or turkey except that: persons under 17 years of age, 65 years of age or over, persons hunting on land where they reside or certain disabled veterans, may hunt

deer or turkey if a holder of the \$1.25 Resident Exempt Hunting license. A citizen is any person except an alien who has been a bona fide resident of Texas for more than six months immediately preceding application for a license. Members of the United States armed forces with proof of assignment on active duty at any federal installation within the state for a period of more than 30 days may purchase a resident license.

Resident exempt hunting: \$1.25

Non-resident small game: \$37.75 Not valid for turkey or any game animals except squirrel.

Non-resident general: \$100.75 Valid for all game species.

Archery stamp: \$3.25 Required in addition to a valid hunting license of all persons who hunt wild deer, bear, turkey and javelina during any archery only open season. Must be signed on face of it by person using the stamp.

White-winged dove stamp: \$3.00 Required of all persons who hunt white-winged doves, in addition to a valid hunting license unless exempted.

Resident trapper's license: \$5.00 Required of those who take for the purpose of barter or sale, and those who sell or offer for trade the pelts of any

fur-bearing animals of the state.

Non-resident trappers' license: \$200.00 Entitles non-residents to take for the purpose of barter or sale the pelts of any fur-bearing animal in Texas.

Fur-bearing animal propagation permit: \$10.00 Required of any person who wishes to take alive any of the fur-bearers of the state for the purpose of sale.

Retail fur-buyer's license: \$5.00 Entitles the holder to purchase pelts of fur-bearers from the trapper only and handling pelts for the purpose of shipment and sale.

Wholesale fur-buyer's license: \$25.00 Entitles the holder to purchase pelts of fur-bearers from trappers, retail fur buyers and wholesale fur buyers and handle such pelts for shipment and sale.

### Tagging And Processing

Tagging: No person may use a deer or turkey tag not issued with their hunting license. No tag may be used on more than one deer or turkey. No tag may be used on any animal other than the kind of animal designated on the tag.

All deer and turkey must be tagged, immediately upon being killed, with a legible, properly filled-out tag from the hunter's hunting license with the month and date of kill on the

reverse side of the tag cutout. The tag must be securely attached to the carcass until it is delivered to its final destination and is finally processed. In counties where it is legal to take gobblers or bearded hens, the beard must remain on the turkey until reaching its final destination.

Final destination is defined by State Statutes as the permanent residence of the hunter or a commercial processing facility where the carcass is finally processed.

Processing: Deer or antelope may be processed by the hunter in the field or in camp only to the extent of quartering the carcass. A quartered carcass is defined as not more than two forequarters with leg portion to the knee attached to the shoulder blade; two hindquarters with leg bones to the hock attached; two backstraps and the trimmings from the neck and rib cage. The boned out neck and rib cage may be discarded.

A portion of the carcass of a deer, turkey or antelope may be given to another person if a "legible hunters document" signed by the person who killed the animal accompanies the portion. "Legible hunter's document" must state hunter's name, address,

date of kill, hunting license number (also antelope permit number if an antelope) and the name of the county and ranch where the kill was made.

A complete carcass may be given to another person, but all required hunter's tags and permits must remain attached to the carcass.

The antlers of a buck deer, the head and cape of an antelope or an antlerless deer must remain with the carcass of the animal until it is delivered to its final destination and is fully processed. If the head and cape of an animal are sent to a taxidermist for mounting, a receipt must be obtained from the taxidermist and attached to the remainder of the carcass.

### General Hunting Regulations

Firearms: Taking of game animals and game birds in regulatory counties is limited to rifles, shotguns and other legal firearms and longbows and arrows. Firearms are further restricted in all counties as follows:

It is illegal to use a jet gun or rocket gun or any firearm using rimfire ammunition in taking deer, antelope and elk. These methods are also prohibited in certain Panhandle counties for taking aoudad

sheep. It is illegal to shoot migratory game birds and prairie chickens with a rifle. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity in all counties when hunting migratory game birds.

Archery Equipment: In taking game animals and game birds, bow must be capable of shooting a hunting arrow equipped with a broadhead hunting point for a distance of 130 yards; broadhead hunting point must be at least seven-eighths inches in width and not more than one and one-half inches in width, and arrows must be marked with the name and address of the user in some non-water-soluble medium. Arrows may not be poisoned, drugged or explosive.

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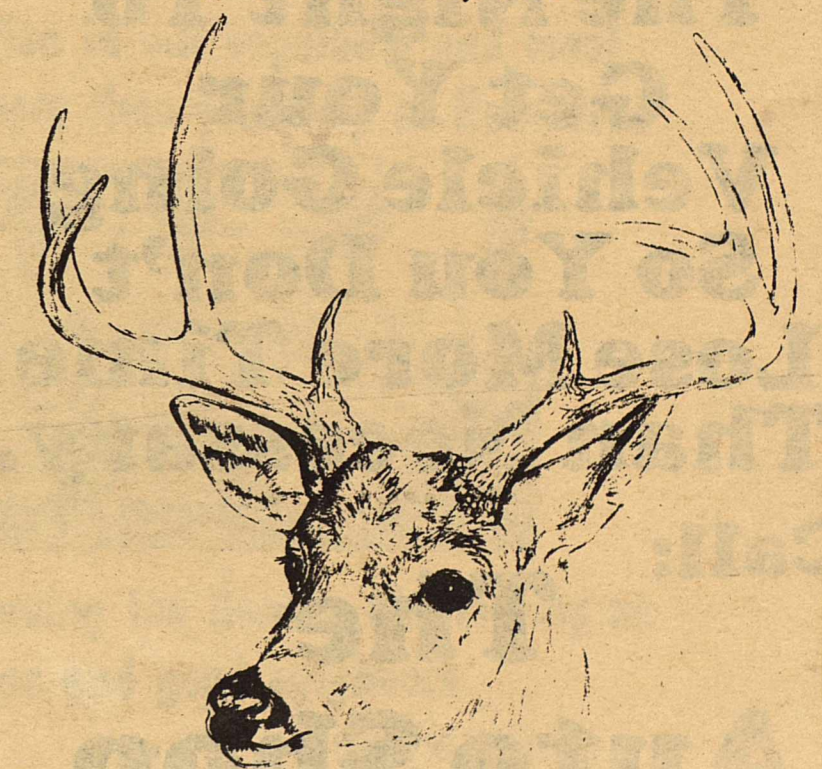
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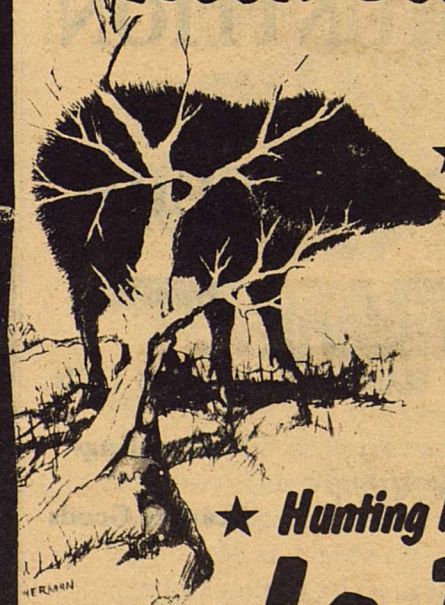
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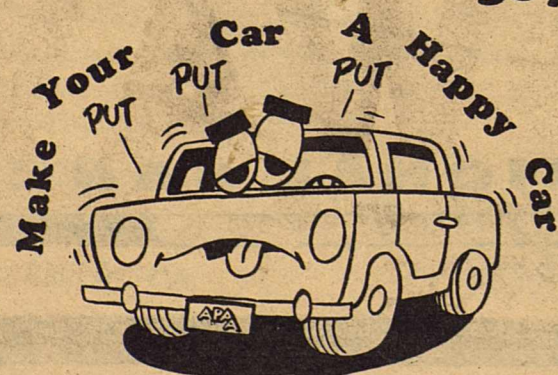
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## Good Hunting Year Predicted by TPW County Officials

Hunting season promises to be a good one for hunters in Sutton County, according to officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Game Biologist Calvin Van Hoozer and Game wardens Nolan Johnson and Rodney Knight man the Sonora TPW office located at the Sutton County Jail.

The drought last summer caused about a 20 percent reduction in deer numbers overall, but it may be blessing in disguise, Van Hoozer said.

'We may finally be getting more in balance,' he said.

Van Hoozer said, although antler development may not be as good this year due to early drought conditions, late rains in addition to less competition for range forage is producing deer with very good body condition.

He and the game wardens concurred the season will not necessarily be a loss for hunters seeking a big trophy buck. They said the warming trend in the weather during late October and early November started bringing out the older big bucks with nice racks.

Van Hoozer said the big toll of the drought came mostly in the early fawn crop which will not show up in the deer population until next year.

'We only had about a 19 percent fawn crop,' he said. 'But the later fawns born

after the rains made it real well.'

He said the loss of the young fawns may also help next year's fawn crop. He stated most of the does that did not have to nurse their young were now in excellent shape which should produce a large fawn crop next season.

Van Hoozer said the turkey situation did not improve any with the drought, but remained about the same as last year.

Sutton County Commissioners this year voted to retain the permits required for antlerless deer, although some counties have dropped the requirements in an attempt to reduce the doe population.

Johnson said some confusion results with some hunters on tagging antlerless deer. He stressed antlerless deer permits should be used on any deer, even young males, that do not have at least a hardened nub of an antler protruding through the skin.

About the only new law in effect that hunters should be aware of is the requirement that tags this year must be cut out on the date instead of marked out. This law is a result of abuse and alterations made in the past by some hunters trying to use the tags more than once.

Johnson and Knight also stressed the new law on processing deer in camps that went into effect last season will be stringently enforced.

Under provisions of the law, deer in camp can be quartered, but must remain intact. The law was passed because many hunters were completely processing their deer in camp, portable grinders and all, making impossible for officers to tell how many deer had been killed.

Under the law, forequarters and hindquarters may be removed, but must remain intact. The backstrap may also be removed, but only in one piece, and trimmings from the neck and rib area may be made.

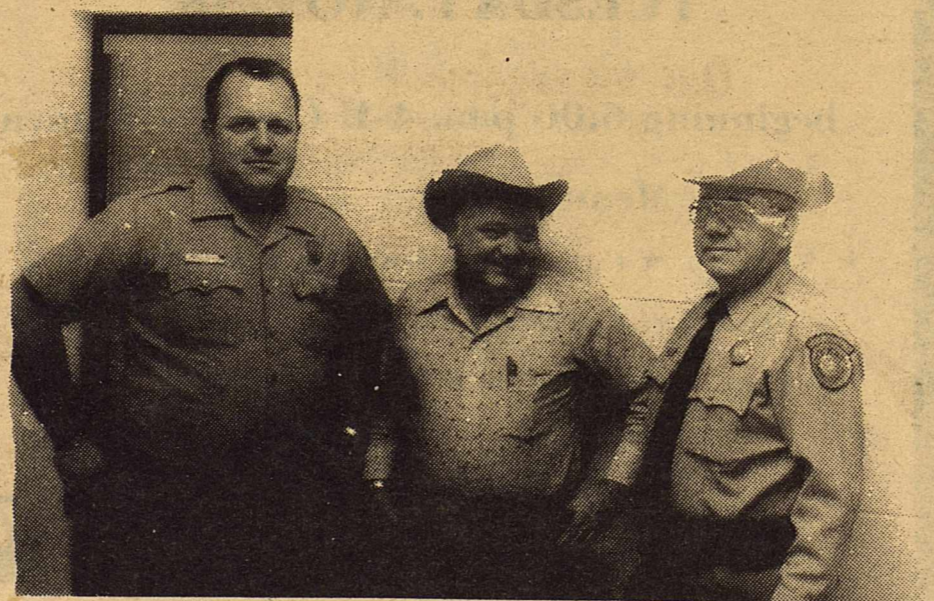
The wardens also issued a special reminder to fur hunters and trappers that it is unlawful to be in possession of green or undried pelts any time except during the season.

Another warning was also issued for hunters to be careful not to use the spring turkey tags until that season.

Johnson said, for those hunters who do not want the meat from their deer, they may be deposited at the Branding Iron Smokehouse locker and given to either the Senior Citizen's box or to the Boys Ranch. There is no charge to the hunter for this.

They also said several leases are still available this year.

The biggest issue stressed by all three, though was gun safety--make sure you know what you are shooting at.



Rodney Knight, Nolan Johnson & Calvin Van Hoozer

## Shot Placement Important to Kill... Cont. from P.20

and can miss or result in a broken leg.

Gwynn says shoulder shots are effective and provide a large target area. The one big advantage to this shot placement is more meat destruction and less venison for the table.

Shots that sever a major artery such as the femoral artery, aortic artery or jugular vein are quickly fatal but extremely difficult targets. Hence, Gwynn discourages this type shot placement.

The Texas A&M University specialist says a slightly angling-away shot is ideal for the hunter because it presents a good shot at vital organs with only light ribs to shoot through. He advises hunters to line up on the far shoulder for correct shot placement.

When deer are quartering-away, a shot placed just in front of the hind quarter will pass forward, enter the rib cage from behind and angle toward the opposite shoulder. Gwynn says this type shot will normally hit the liver, lungs and possibly the heart. However, the target area is much narrower than the classic broadside shot. Hunters unsure of their accuracy are advised to pass this one up in lieu of a better angle.

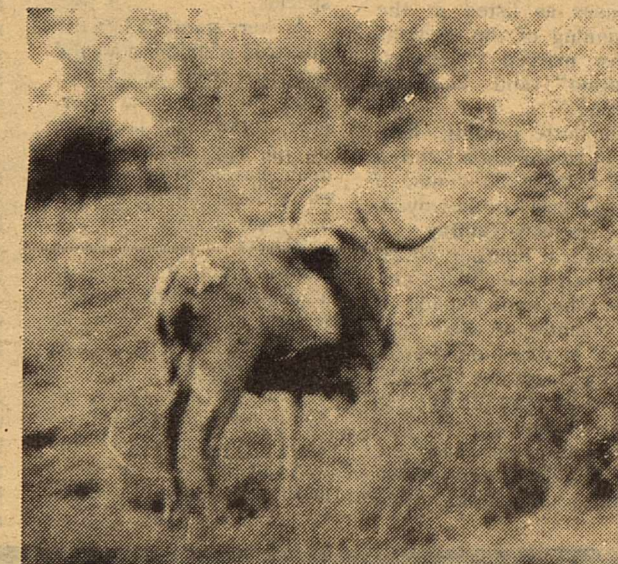
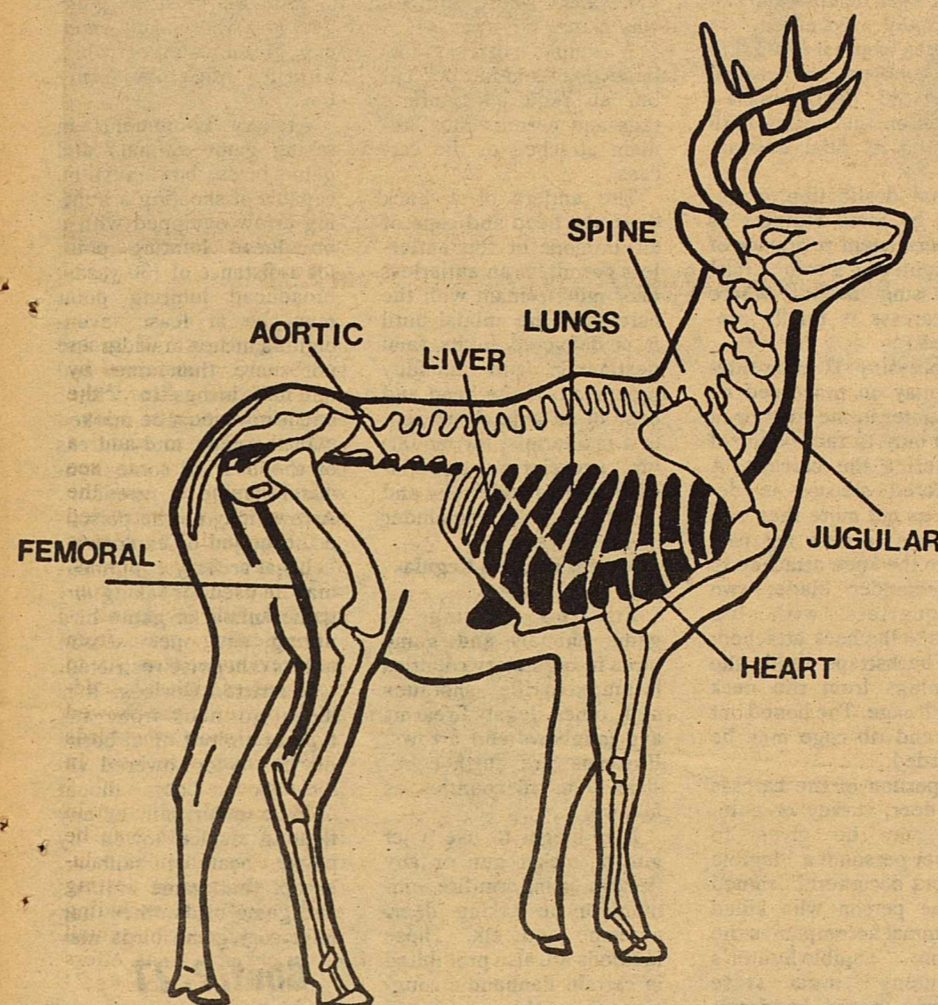
Straight-away shots, are their best, are also questionable and not recommended. Here, two slim chances exist. From a very powerful rifle, a shot just under the tail through the paunch into the chest area or one through the center of the neck into the spine is about all a hunter can hope for. Both possibilities present a very small and difficult target.

Gwynn says a shot under the tail must pass between the hip bones through a softball-sized opening in the pelvic girdle with

enough force to travel almost the entire body length into the chest area. In addition, this type shot leaves very little blood trail, making tracking difficult.

Gwynn strongly believes that patience is a hunter's best ally. 'When the opportunity for a shot arrives, don't rush it,' he stresses. 'Choose your shot carefully and wait for the angle that results in a good, clean kill.'

Once the quarry has been slain, a final chapter in this exciting saga of man versus nature remains to unfold.



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### Herd Quality Due To A Variety of Reasons

What can a landowner do to improve deer quality on his ranch? Where have all the big bucks gone? Why are all the deer smaller than they used to be?

These questions and others like them are frequently asked by the deer hunters and landowners, says Dr. Milo Shult, Area Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"There are no simple answers and the changes seen in deer herd quality may be due to a variety of reasons. Whatever the reason(s), any management changes should be monitored to see if they are having the desired effects," he emphasizes.

"The hunter and landowner are partners in deer management and one important partnership element to determine the effects of management is a good set of records on animals harvested. Records kept on a year-to-year basis are valuable tools which the hunter can help provide," Shult says.

"While records need not be elaborate, some items

should be included to make the information useful. For example, all deer should be weighed. Usually weights are recorded on field dressed animals (internal organs removed)."

"In addition to weight, the general body condition (good, fair, poor) should be predetermined criteria," the Extension specialist suggests.

The antler characteristics of males are important to note.

"For example, the hunter might record the number of points on each beam, the circumference of the antlers at the base above the burr, and the inside spread at the widest point of the main beam. A small steel tape is all that is necessary to accomplish this," he says.

Probably the most important information to record is the age of the deer.

"Without this, the other data tell very little about the input of management on a herd. We don't know if we have young animals doing well on good range or older animals doing 'fair to middlin' on poor to margin-

al range," Shult emphasizes.

Deer are aged on the basis of replacement and wear of the jaw teeth (not on the incisors of front teeth).

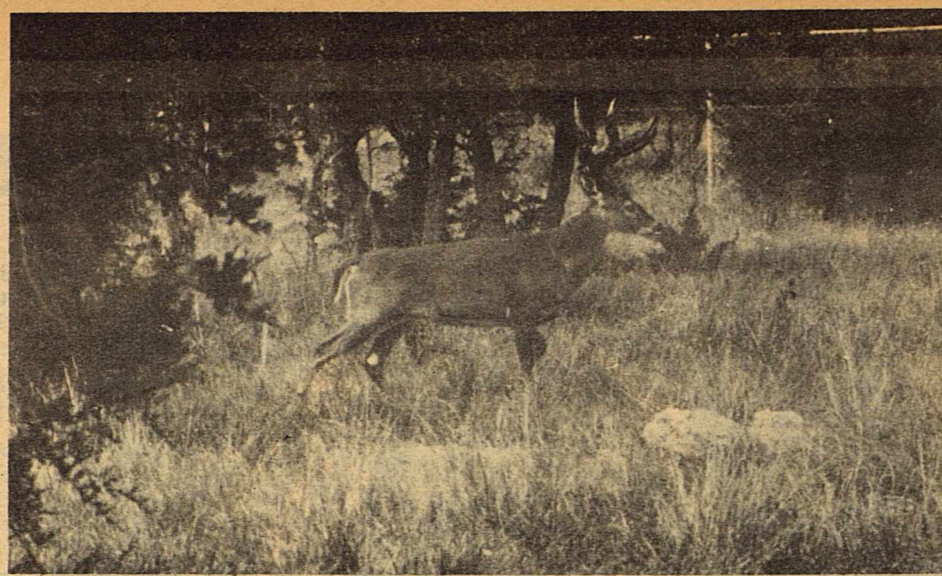
The local county Extension agent or an Extension wildlife specialist can assist the landowner or hunter in learning the technique.

A publication, L-782, "To Age a Deer," is available from the local county Extension office.

Once all the information is gathered on the deer harvested, the data can be broken down by age classes and sex.

"For example, the hunter or landowner can see at a glance what the average weight of 1½-year-old bucks is and what the average antler characteristics are in that age class," Shult says.

By maintaining these and other records (deer density figures, range conditions, livestock stocking rates, brush control practices, etc.) the hunters and landowners can accurately evaluate the results of their management efforts on the deer herd, he adds.



Improve Quail Cover...Cont. From P. 18

to the ground, yet encourage continued growth. Stacks of completely cut brush deteriorate rapidly as weather and boring insects quickly reduce them to useless piles of sticks," says Ramsey.

Although live vegetation is more durable, artificial cover can be used in grassland devoid of suitable woody plants.

Shelters--built of poles, boards or heavy brush--should be constructed with the roof about eight inches above the ground.

Poles or boards in the roof are spaced about two or three inches apart. Overall size of the structure should be about six to eight feet square.

"Plantings of woody vegetation may require several years to develop, since it is best to work with existing

woody vegetation if possible," Ramsey emphasizes.

Fencing to exclude livestock may be appropriate to rejuvenate a thicket area which has been opened excessively by grazing.

Corners in fence lines can be fenced for quail relatively easily. More extensive fencing of gullies, shelter belts, and odd areas may be required if cover is severely limited due to clearing or heavy livestock grazing.

"Quail need islands of woody cover in large open pastures. These spots should be approximately one-quarter acre and protected from grazing.

Quail also have some specific nesting cover needs. Well-drained ground, with moderately

open stands of tall grass and brush, is preferred by quail for nesting sites," the Extension specialist adds.

Quail seem to want a place where they can see what is going on near the nest, which is constructed on the ground. The nest is about six inches across, with one entrance constructed with dry grass.

For nesting, grass from the previous season six to eight inches high is needed. If pastures are mowed or grazed short, the birds will be unable to nest in that particular area.

"A general reduction in livestock numbers may be the most permanent solution to absence of nesting cover. However, excluding grazing by fencing small plots and key areas offers another alternative," Ramsey says.

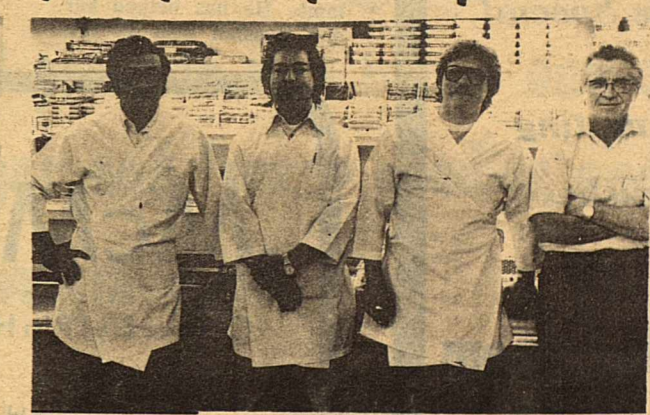


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# Ramsey Set As Speaker For Annual Game Dinner

Bob Ramsey, Hunt, Texas rancher will be the principal speaker at Sutton County's 20th Annual Game Dinner and Hunting Party Nov. 18, at the Sutton County 4-H Center.

This year will mark Ramsey's fourth appearance at the Game Dinner. Ramsey operates a 5,000 acre ranch in Kerr and Real counties.

Ramsey has a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management from Texas A&M University and was a field biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, until his resignation in 1956 to enter fulltime ranching.

Ramsey has published his hunting stories for "Outdoor Life", "Field and Stream", "Texas Hunters Hotline" and "West Texas Livestock Weekly" and other publications.

He was selected "Man of the Year" in 1976 in Texas Agriculture and has hunted in Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

He bagged a 6-point bull elk in Wyoming's Jim Bridgers Wilderness Area on October 9 and is considered the E.F. Hutton of buck rattling and wrote the book on the subject. Ramsey has rattled up over 1,000 bucks in his lifetime and shot nine!

Ramsey helped former Sonoran Scott Campbell, San Angelo Standard Times obtain historic photos of a golden eagle killing a baby lamb. He has helped kill 400 Russian boar in the

Texas Hill Country since 1960.

Ramsey is much in demand for his talks on Indian lore and game rattling. For a number of years he has talked with the children in Sonora's public school.

This year's game dinner promises to be the biggest and best ever in the event's history.

Hunters from all over the nation are expected for the

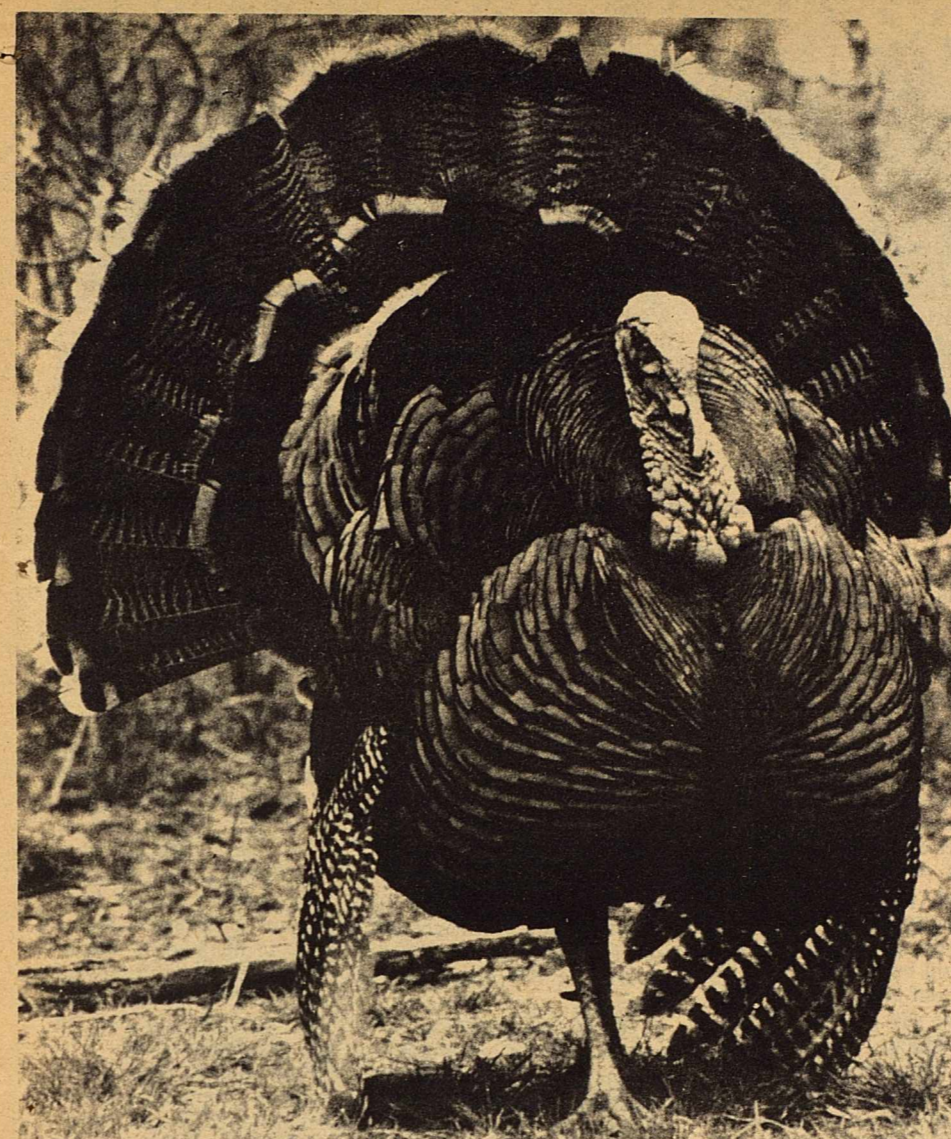
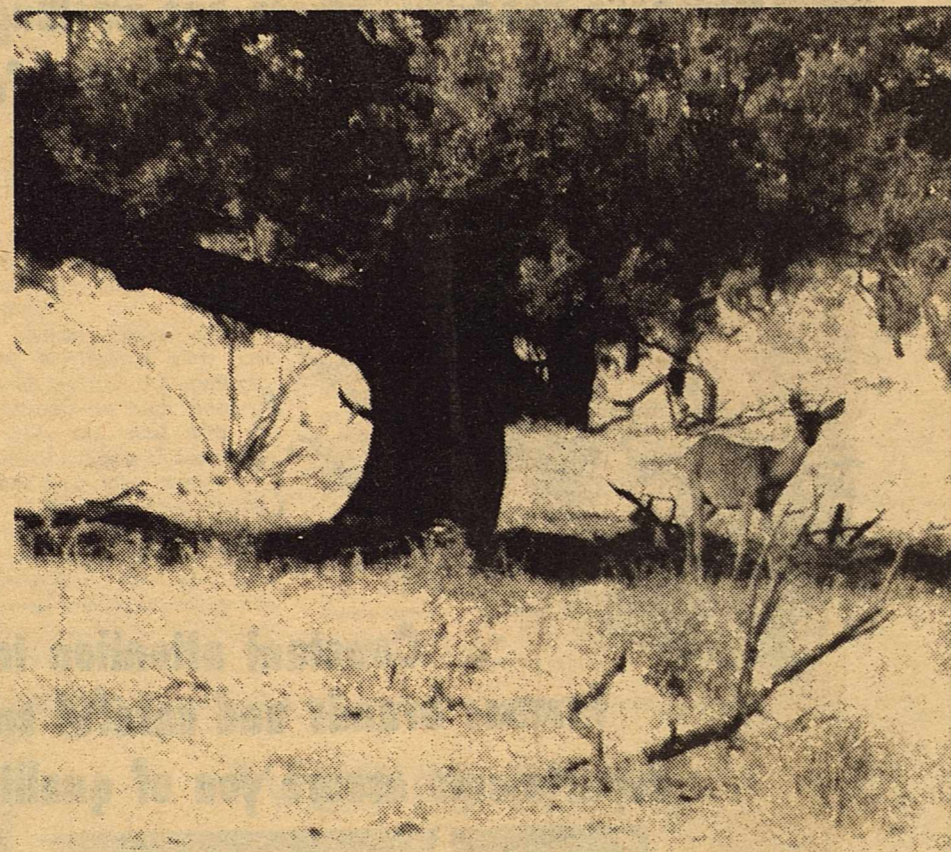
festivities beginning at 6 p.m. They will be served a menu that includes venison beefalo, dove, antelope, quail, venison chili, wild boar, turkey, son-of-a-gun stew, cabrito and rattlesnake.

The annual event is sponsored by the Edwards Plateau Game and Wildlife Association, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Volunteer Fire Department

Downtown Lions Club and the Sutton County Garden Club.

Officers of the EPGWA are Scott Shurley, president Bob Carruthers, first vice president; Cleve T. Jones III, second vice president; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rosford and Preston Faris, secretaries; and Bill Stewart, overall chairman.

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## Hunter Key Factor In Flavor of Venison

Deer hunting provides both outdoor recreation and table fare—venison—for Texas sportsmen each year.

Some 11 million pounds of boneless deer meat are harvested annually in Texas, pointed out Dr. Milo Shult, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"The hunter is the key person responsible for the quality and edibility of the venison he brings home," Shult emphasizes.

"The entire process of handling the carcass from field to table can add or detract from the desirability of the

final product. The hunter plays an important role in determining whether a deer steak is tender and tasty or tough and bad-flavored."

Based on studies regarding the effects of handling on deer meat quality, Shult gives these recommendations:

1. Whenever a choice is available, select a female animal for less flavor intensity (gaminess). This does not mean that male animals

provide undesirable meat, but rather that most consumers may prefer the less intense flavor of the female.

2. Whenever possible, place the shot in the neck or head to insure clean, rapid

kill. This prevents post-shot stress and also reduces tissue damage considerably.

3. Field dress the animal as soon as possible. If contents of the intestine or

paunch have been spilled, rinse the carcass with water

A publication, L-634 entitled "Field Dressing Big Game," is available from

any county Extension office and provides more information.

4. If weather permits, leave skin on the carcass to help conserve moisture. However, in hot weather, skin and cover the carcass

with a fly proof bag if a cooler is not accessible. Also, a male in the rut may

have a strong urine odor on the hind legs and probably

should be skinned prior to storage.

5. If the family prefers a somewhat more intense flavor similar to aged beef, hang the carcass in a locker

for about a week before final processing. Use a clean locker to avoid contamination of odors from poorly handled carcasses.

"These recommendations are not the only way to handle carcasses," Shult notes. "For the hunter who has a preferred method

which differs somewhat from these recommendations but whose family is satisfied with the venison brought home, change is unnecessary.

"If a hunter has no experience in handling deer carcasses or has had a bad experience with deer meat, these suggestions may help increase the use of the deer resource," he adds.

Further suggestions on care and cooking of venison can be found in the publication MP-1333, "Big Game Cooking Care," also available from any county Extension office.

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With care in handling, the meat can be high quality table fare, says Dr. Milo Shult, area wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

One question that always concerns both the hunter and landowner—how many deer should be harvested from a particular area to ensure healthy populations and continued harvestable surpluses?

The answer to this question can be partially determined by estimating the number of deer present on a given piece of rangeland. Such estimates can be arrived at through census techniques, explains Shult. "Because of their wild characteristics and relatively wide dispersal, numbers of animals like deer are estimated by sampling."

That is, deer are counted in a given area and the density figures are applied to all area land that has basically the same vegetative type and land use patterns.

Such estimates are sub-

ject to some error since all animals present cannot be counted.

Nevertheless, information gained from counting deer in the same way and at the same time of the year will show population trends through time which are suitable for management purposes," Shult adds.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department conducts deer counts in all areas of the state where the animals range. These figures are available for hunters and landowners to make management decisions, the specialist explains.

"Some individuals may wish to have specific records for land on which they hunt on or own.

If that is the case, these individuals can set up their own deer census program and keep their own records on which to base harvest decisions," contends Shult.

"The most popular census methods involve counting deer on a predetermined strip of land. Based on the method to be used, one or more census lines are established which will give a representative sample of the deer habitat on a given ranch.

For example, if a ranch is one-fourth dense cover and the remaining three-fourths relatively open cover, the estimate should reflect both

these habitat types," Shult points out.

The Hahn walking line is perhaps the most widely used technique in Texas for estimating deer numbers. It is most accurate in areas of relatively high deer densities such as the Edwards Plateau, he adds.

The technique involves establishing a line as an east-west axis and marking the line (such as spray painting rocks) so that it can be used again and again.

The line should be 1 to 3 miles long with a two mile line being optimum. Two people can establish the line and determine how much acreage it covers.

At each 100 pace-mark on the line, one observer stays on the line and the other walks out at a right angle. When the walker disappears from view in the brush, the line man signals him to stop and the distance walked gives the visibility at that point.

"The procedure is repeated on the other side of the line," Shult explains. "When all the visible distances have been determined, an average width of the transect can be determined. When the length of the strip and average width are known, the area or acreage visible on the line can be easily calculated.

"The line is walked at

least twice (and preferably more times) in September or October. The walker starts 30 minutes prior to sundown and walked from west to east (with the sun at his back).

All deer seen are recorded as bucks, does, fawns, or undetermined. Dividing the number of deer by the number of acres will give the density in acres per deer.

"The ration of bucks to does is equally important to determine the desirable sex ration in the harvest," the wildlife specialist says.

Vehicles can be used to count deer along ranch roads in a manner somewhat similar to a walking line. The procedures are the same except visibility distances are estimated at one-tenth mile intervals.

An evening mobile count is good for composition date (i.e., buck: doe ratios and doe: fawn ratios), he adds.

Density figures can also be determined after dark with the use of a spotlight. Aircraft or high intensity lights are used with the count starting 45 minutes to one hour after sunset.

"This technique should never be used, however, without first notifying neighbors and the local game warden that the count is going to be conducted. Firearms shall not be

carried in vehicles for spotlight counts," Shult warns. These and other techniques can all be employed to estimate deer numbers.

Assistance in establishing the appropriate techni-

que for a given ranch can be obtained by contracting an Extension Service wildlife specialist through the local county Extension agent's office.

## Gun Vandalism Threatens Everyone

"A principle factor in the minds of everybody, in the saving of hunting as a form of recreation, is the performance of the hunter," said John Gottschalk executive Vice-President of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, recently in a speech.

He stressed if some guy goes out and vandalized a farmer or insults the intelligence of a citizen, we have helped sell ourselves down to the road to oblivion.

Texas can see this road of self-destruction every day as they drive the State's highways. Currently, gun vandals, who some citizens equate with the hunters do more than \$750,000 worth of damage to Texas highway facilities each year. Road signs and rest areas are special targets.

Such actions are a disgrace to decent sportsmen and responsible gun owners. For it doesn't take much shooting skill to destroy a yield sign or flashing light with a firearm at close

range. And this wanton vandalism is borne by the taxpayer. Even the smallest highway sign costs about \$10 to replace, not counting labor. A 48-inch stop sign costs the State a minimum of \$65 to replace when labor and equipment costs are included.

But monetary cost is only one side of a more serious story. Vandalism can cost human lives.

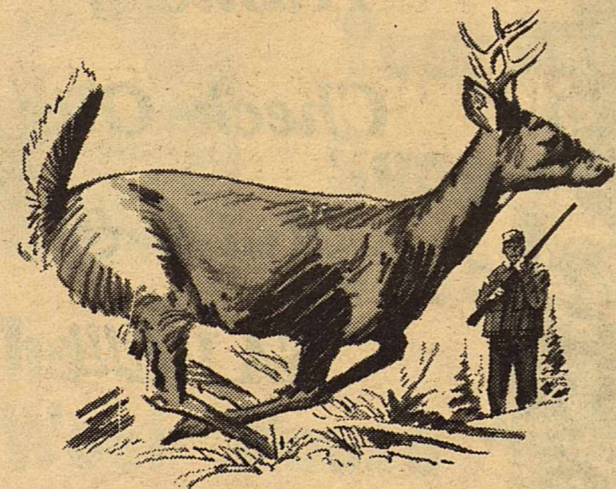
The obliteration signs and flashing lights can alter a person's decision and driving performance behind the wheel.

Also, living under a burdened conscience by knowing their acts might cause death or injury should cause all decent men and women to seek proper and more challenging targets.

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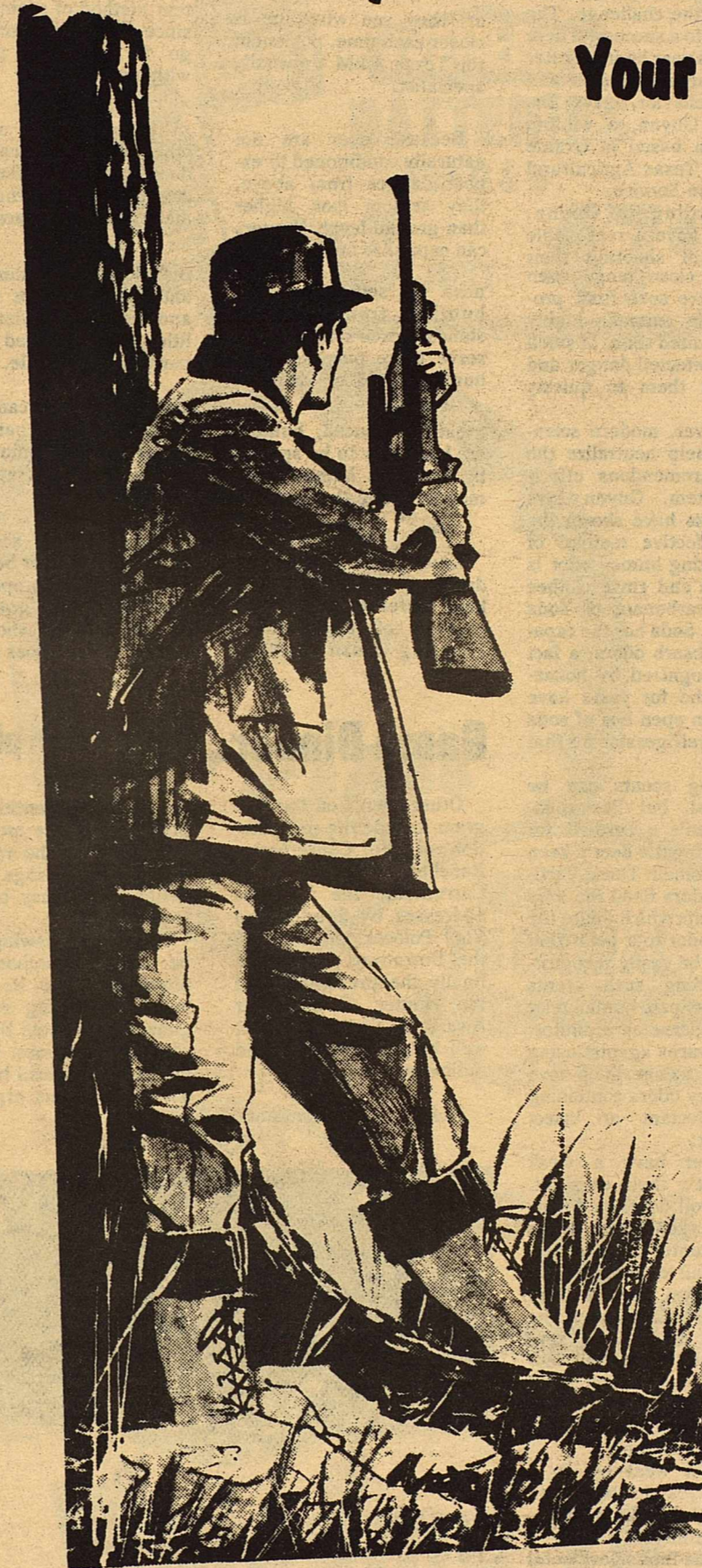
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## Understanding Deer Key to Hunt's Success

Thousands of avid Texas deer hunters will be intensely waiting atop their favorite stand when deer season opens at sunrise on November 15.

Each year hunters match wits with one of nature's most elusive big game animals and many times fail to meet the challenge. The real key to a successful deer hunt this year lies in a better understanding of deer and their behavior, says Dr. Dwight Guynn, a wildlife specialist based in Uvalde with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

According to Guynn, hunters have a reasonable chance of shooting their prey at close range ever if they are seen first, provided the animal's highly sophisticated sense of smell hasn't detected danger and signaled them to quickly flee.

However, modern science can help neutralize the deer's tremendous olfactory system. Guynn says field tests have shown the most effective method of neutralizing human odor is to bathe and rinse clothes in a bicarbonate of soda solution. Soda has the capacity to absorb odors, a fact long recognized by housewives who for years have placed an open box of soda in their refrigerator for that purpose.

Making scents can be beneficial, but like soda, they aren't a cure-all for overcoming the deer's keen sense of smell. These "artificial" odors flood the area with scents which dilute the human odor to a point that it won't be easily recognized. Adding such scents won't dissipate human odor but will serve as a dilutor. Guynn warns against using masking scents which have secondary odors containing a disinfectant or insect repellent.

If deer have a weak sense, it's their eyesight. While well developed, this sense has some weak points a deer hunter can exploit. Deer fail to recognize still objects, yet they're very quick to pick up even the slightest movements, says Guynn. By remaining motionless, even though in full view of the deer, a hunter stands an excellent chance of going undetected.

Another weakness in a deer's eyesight is due in part to the location of the eyes within the head, a factor that limits peripheral vision. Guynn says a hunter can take advantage of this fact by timing the number of seconds a deer feeds before raising its head, to look around. The hunter can then move forward until the deer raises its head, being extremely careful to stop before the deer looks up again. By

using this stop-and-go technique a deer can usually be approached close enough for a good shot, even in an open field. Ordinarily, deer never seem to realize that the motionless object (hunter) they see when up is closer each time, points out the Texas A&M University specialist.

Because deer are not naturally conditioned to expect danger from above, they seldom look higher than ground level. Hunters can capitalize on this weakness in self-defense by hunting from elevated stands or tree stands which serve three purposes: the hunter's field of vision is

greatly enhanced, hunters are less likely to be spotted by deer and human scent may be above the animal.

Knowing the feeding and drinking habitat of deer can help increase the success chances of any hunter. Locating fresh scrapes

(pawed-out patches of ground made by buck hooves during the breeding season) or feeding areas may prove a more consistent method of seeing deer since they can sometimes go for extended periods without water.

"Home ranges" are another accurate indication of deer presence. Being a creature of habit, they normally stay in an area less

than 300 acres (unless food and water becomes scarce) and are apt to deviate very little from a fixed time-movement schedule. Hence

ambush locations can be set around known paths of travel as determined by tracks, rubs, scrapes or feeding areas.

But all that scouting, knowledge of deer behavior and extensive preparation and planning goes for naught if "the shot that couldn't miss" goes astray.

## Game Dinner...Cont. From pP.6

Other events on the program include the presentation of the Conservation Rancher of the Year by Carruthers, the welcome addresses by Shurley and Vigil Polocek, president of the Downtown Lions, and finally the presentation of the Hunter of the Year Award by Charlie McTee, well known television and radio personality.

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## Smoke Poultry At Home Without A Lot of Work

Smoking or curing poultry at home goes back to a bygone era, but it can still be done without a lot of "back-breaking" work.

The result can be a delicious smoked bird, says Dr. James H. Denton, poultry marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

All that is needed to cure and smoke poultry at home is a curing vat, a small scale, curing ingredients,

ice, a smoker and a hypodermic needle.

A curing vat can simply be an insulated cooler or ice chest. Curing ingredients can usually be purchased from a local co-op or locker plant. Brown sugar cure can be used and is usually available in grocery stores.

To begin, mix the curing solution as follows:

- 5 gallons of water
- 1/2-pound of saltpeter (sodium nitrite)
- 4-1/2 pounds of salt
- 3/4-pound of sugar

If brown sugar cure is used, dissolve 5 pounds of the ready-mixed ingredients in 4 gallons of water. Substitute ice for part of the water to chill the solution to 34-36 degrees F., advises Denton.

Next, weigh the bird to be cured, then inject 10 percent of the body weight of curing solution using a hypodermic needle. This distributes the brine uniformly in the muscles.

After the injection process, place the bird in the

curing vat (cooler or ice chest) filled with the remainder of the brine and add a small amount of additional ice to insure a temperature of 34-36 degrees F.

Remove the bird after 48 hours in the curing solution and drain thoroughly (about 15 minutes), recommends Denton. Be sure there are no brine pockets in the body cavity. Place the bird in the smoker when it's nearly dry.

Any type of backyard

cooker that will hold the temperature between 170-200 degrees F. is suitable for a smoker. A 55-gallon smoker works well, says the specialist. A small fire, such as one of charcoal, is needed to generate the heat. For smoke, use some type of green wood, such as green hickory, pecan or oak.

Keep smoking the bird until it takes on a light-brown pecan color. This usually takes 8-12 hours for

turkeys and 4-6 hours for chickens. The bird is done when the muscle temperature reaches 162 degrees F. or when a slight twist will loosen the drumstick, says Denton.

A turkey or chicken will shrink about 20 percent with this smoking and cooking process. The finished product is completely cooked and will keep in the refrigerator for two weeks. Of course, it can be frozen for longer storage.

## Cleaning Methods For Deer Outlined

Deer season is here and hunters are ready! Part of the preparation involves learning how to care for the venison.

Successful deer hunters have learned that for the best quality of venison, the time that is shortened between the kill and the freezer becomes the critical factor, emphasizes Clint Langford, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

There are two basic ways of field dressing deer, and both require a sharp knife with a large handle so that it can be held firmly. The first method is usually recommended for game that is to be mounted later.

The second way is slightly quicker and is used for game that is not prior to the open seasons for these species.

The first method begins by placing the animal on its back and securing it by placing stones on either side. Remove the external sex organs first.

Then make a vertical cut from the pelvic bone to the middle of the breastbone. Turn the knife blade up to prevent cutting into any of the internal organs.

Hold the entrails outside the rib cage and cut the outside layer, the diaphragm, to expose the inner organs. Sever the esophagus and windpipe and pull them down.

Pull the entrails free to the pelvic region. Finally, cut the skin and muscles around the anus but use care not to cut the bladder. Then remove the intestines.

The second method requires two basic cuts. Begin the first cut at the belly and slightly to one side of the breastbone to make cutting easier. After com-

pleting the cut up to the neck, sever the esophagus and windpipe.

Pull the lungs and heart free of the diaphragm and then cut the diaphragm. While still holding the esophagus and windpipe, lift out the remainder of the viscera.

Make the second cut along the thin seam that holds the two pelvic bones together. The seam is pronounced on younger animals and can be cut easily with a sheath knife. Next set the animal in a spread-eagle position with one foot on each of the hind legs.

A pull on the tail should then break open the pelvis so that the intestinal and reproductive tracts can be pulled from the body. Finally, cut the viscera free from around the anus.

If the head is to be mounted, head the animal by its hind legs to allow the remaining blood to drain free of the body.

Otherwise, hang the animal by the head or antlers. Place a stick between the halves of the rib cage to speed the cooling of

the carcass, suggests Langford.

Skinning the animal is easiest as soon as possible after the kill. After skinning wrap the carcass with a solid cloth material rather than cheesecloth because flies can deposit eggs through the cheesecloth.

Keep the carcass clean and put it in the cold storage as soon as possible to insure high meat quality, adds Langford. Additional information on field dressing big game is available at the County Extension office.

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## Shot Placement Crucial To Humane Deer Kill

Sunup is rapidly approaching on a cool, crisp autumn morning as the hunter waits patiently, perched atop a deer stand somewhere in the Lone Star State. As the sun's rays begin to flicker across the eastern horizon on this somber Saturday morning, 1980 deer season has officially begun.

Somewhere directly ahead, the hunter hears brush crackle and a twig snap. Out of a mesquite thicket less than 100 yards away, a magnificent 12-point buck emerges into the open field.

Beads of sweat begin to pop out across the hunter's forehead as a chill crawls quickly up his spinal column at the sight before him. He draws a deadly aim and fires, watching in tense exhilaration as the tremendous beast falls in its tracks.

True, this situation may seem more like one out of "Fantasy Island" but segments will be reenacted in varying degrees thousands of times this fall. Some hunts will end successfully; others in sheer frustration and disappointment.

Regardless of the situa-

tion, accurate shot placements are mandatory for a quick, humane kill, says Dr. Dwight Guynn, a wildlife specialist based in Uvalde with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

According to Guynn, hunting accuracy begins with proper preparation and care of the rifle. Before loading he urges hunters to make sure the barrel is clear of obstructions. Rifle action should be checked for tightness, smooth operation and rust or dirt. Magazines should feed and eject shells properly. Also tighten scopes if loose.

Sighting in the rifle before hunting can be a critical factor, says Guynn. This can be done by firing at ranges of 50, 100 and 200 yards, distances at which most deer will be shot. It's also important to sight-in with exactly the same grain bullet you plan to hunt with. Then it takes dedicated repetitious practice, in all hunting positions, learning limitations while improving accuracy.

Now, assuming the hunter has sufficiently sharpened his accuracy, where

should the shot be placed for the most effective kill? Knowing a deer's skeletal structure and exact location of vital organs and arteries can be very helpful.

Guynn prefers a shot to the lungs, when possible. He says the lungs form the biggest vital area, allowing for a shot to be somewhat off target and still be effective. A shot missing the lungs a little high may sever the spine; one a little low may hit the heart; a little farther back may strike the liver; and one too far forward could break the shoulder. Any of these hits can result in quick kill.

A shot into the brain or one severing the spine both achieve quick, definite results, but must be very accurately placed because of the small targets. If a trophy mount is desired, shots into the head or neck may do serious and even irreparable damage to those portions needed for mounting.

Quick kills can also be achieved with a shot into the heart. But like those to the brain and spine, heart shots are difficult to place

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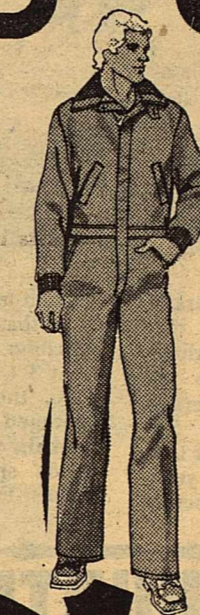
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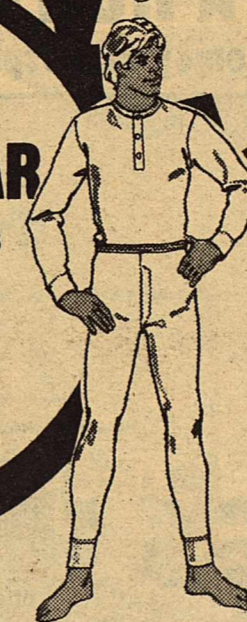


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# Spike Buck Harvest Proves Controversial

Spike buck harvest has been one of the most controversial issues in white-tailed deer management in Texas. Many hunters are reluctant to take these deer with nonforked antlers despite 15 years of legal harvest in most Texas counties.

**Why?**  
Opponents to harvesting spikes maintain the animal should be spared with hopes he will be a forked-antlered buck next year. Proponents, on the other hand, say the formation of spike antlers is related to nutrition and genetics, that they are inferior deer and should be harvested.

Wildlife biologist at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Kerr Wildlife Management Area in the Hill Country recently completed a third year of work in an attempt to settle the question once and for all. The study is far from over, but through the controlled feeding of groups of penned deer, Kerr Area biologist already have found a distinct relationship between nutrition and genetics and antler development.

Studies conducted in other states have shown that a 13 to 18 percent protein ration is best for maximum body and antler growth in white-tailed deer. Protein requirements for

deer are similar to those of domestic animals. If protein content in deer forage falls below the 13-percent level, body growth, antler growth and production will be impaired.

The protein content of deer foods in the majority of Texas habitat is well below the level suggested for optimum deer growth. Protein level on Texas ranges varies from year to year, season to season and locality in the state.

For example, the nutritional quality of South Texas Brush Country deer forage is closer to the optimum level than forage from the Hill Country ranges produced forage which varies in protein from a high of 12 percent in a wet spring to much less during extremely dry conditions.

In 1974, a group of 16 yearling deer (1 1/2 years of age with their first set of antlers) was obtained from different parts of the state. These deer were placed in pens on Kerr Area and have been maintained solely on a 16-percent high-protein ration, which is considered best for maximum body growth and antler development. Nine of these bucks were spikes and seven had forked antlers.

These 16 bucks have been maintained on identical high-protein ration and antler measurements were

taken in 1975 and 1976 to determine the size racks each had developed under optimum diet conditions.



In 1975 at 2 1/2 years of age, the nine deer that were spikes as yearlings averaged 6.78 points per animal, with an average antler spread of 11 5/8 inches. The seven deer that had forked antlers as yearlings averaged 8.57 points

with an average inside spread of 14 3/8 inches. Antler weights of these seven deer averaged 73

lings averaged 8.33 points, with an average inside spread of 16 1/2 inches. The antler weights from these seven deer averaged 68 percent more than the ones that were spikes as yearlings.

Under these ideal diet conditions, the deer which were spikes as yearlings developed inferior antlers at 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 years as compared to the ones which were fork-antlered as yearlings. In fact, one buck, nick-named "Big Charlie" by area personnel, had an 11-point rack, with an outside spread of 21 1/4 inches and weighed 211 pounds (live weight) at 3 1/2 years.

**Genetic Influence**  
The genetic part of the study involves six, 31/2 year-old bucks which were spikes as yearlings. They are being kept in six individual pens each with five does and maintained on the 16-percent protein diet. Doe fawns born from the matings will be kept in the pens with their fathers for future breeding seasons to concentrate the spike antler gene if it does exist. Male offspring from these does then will be placed on the high-protein diet with the biologists closely monitoring their antler development.

In 1975, seven buck fawns were obtained from the six groups of deer that

were bred to spike bucks. These seven bucks were placed on the high-protein diet. After developing their first set of antlers, four had forked antlers and three were spikes, even with good nutrition.

Tentative plans have been made to try just the opposite. If a spike or inferior gene can be concentrated, perhaps the gene for superior deer could be passed on. "Big Charlie," by far the superior buck in the study, will be separated from the herd and allowed to breed a group of does. His offspring will be studied in much the same manner as those of the spike bucks.

eight-percent protein, and bucks in pens directly across from them are being fed 16-percent rations. The antler development of the bucks on the high-protein ration obviously is better than those on the low protein.

**High & Low Nutrition Study**  
In another aspect of the Kerr Area work, a group of 16 two-year-old bucks has been isolated in individual pens. Half of the bucks are being fed rations of 16 percent protein. In February 1976, some of the deer were switched from high to low-protein rations, some from low to

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# 10 Rules of Gun Safety

Once again, during this fall and winter season, Americans will take to the ancient sport of hunting. Most of these hunters are sportsmen in the truest sense.

Unfortunately, many others are inexperienced and reckless with deadly weapons.

The true sportsman gladly teaches the younger generation the responsibilities of gun ownership.

He cooperates with all wildlife and law enforcement agencies.

He respects the rights of property owners. And, most importantly, he is far less likely to become just another statistic by the end of the hunting season.

The statistics are discouraging according to the National Safety Council.

More than 1,000 persons are killed in the field every year.

Many of these accidents could have been prevented had hunters followed the 10

Rules of Gun Safety. The true sportsman follows them religiously, they are:

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.
2. Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, must always be unloaded.
3. Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble. Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Wear a safe color. The best color is daylight fluorescent orange.
8. Never climb a tree or fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or at the surface of water.
10. Avoid alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.

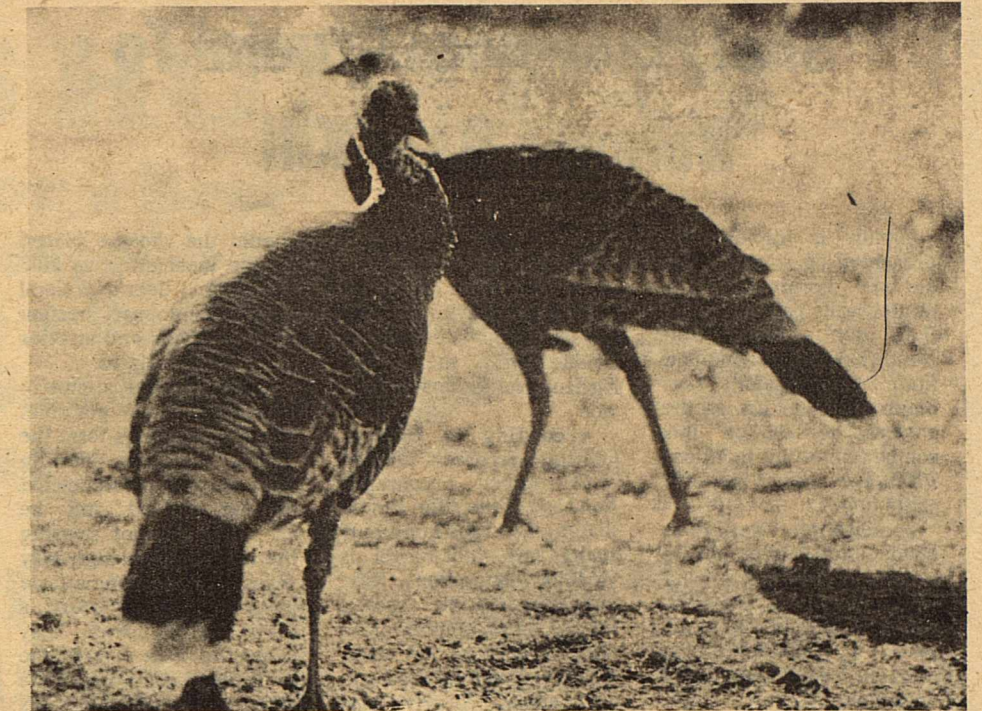
The true sportsman also knows a hunter's obligation to handle this gun safely at all times does not stop when he returns from a hunting trip.

In fact, the National Safety Council reports that an excess of 1,400 firearm-related fatalities occur every year away from the hunting field.

Most of these accidents occur in or about the house. The true sportsman is careful to make certain his gun is unloaded before bringing it into the house. He promptly cleans and locks the gun in safe place.

He stores and locks ammunition in a separate place and is careful the keys are not where children can reach them.

The household of the true sportsman is safe because he has taught all members gun-handling procedures and respect for all firearms.



## Barbecued Turkey

1 turkey, about 8 pounds  
Salt and pepper  
Liquid smoke if desired  
Celery leaves from 1 bunch of celery  
2 coarsely chopped onions  
1/2 to 3/4 cup salad oil  
1 recipe barbecue sauce, below

Remove turkey neck if still attached, but leave skin. Rub cavity of bird with salt and brush with about 1-1/2 teaspoons liquid smoke.

Stuff with celery leaves and onion. Truss bird. Add 1 teaspoon liquid smoke to salad oil; brush on bird. Sprinkle well with salt and pepper.

Place on rack in roasting pan and roast at 325° F. for about 3 1/2 hours or until tender.

Brush with oil mixture several times during cooking. Add remaining mixture of hot barbecue sauce 30 minutes before cooking

is completed. Brush bird with sauce several times during last 30 minutes.

**Barbecue Sauce**  
1 cup catsup  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 cup water  
1/4 cup vinegar  
2 or 3 dashed hot sauce  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
Combine ingredients. Heat to boiling, then simmer 30 minutes.

## Texas Bacon & Quail

10 dove or quail breasts  
5 medium potatoes, pared and cut in half lengthwise  
5 slices bacon  
1/2 cup bread crumbs  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1/4 cup wheat germ  
1 teaspoon salt

Pepper to taste  
1/4 stick margarine, melted  
1 large browning bag  
Cut bacon slices in half. Wrap each dove or quail breast with 1/2 slice bacon. Combine bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, wheat germ and salt.

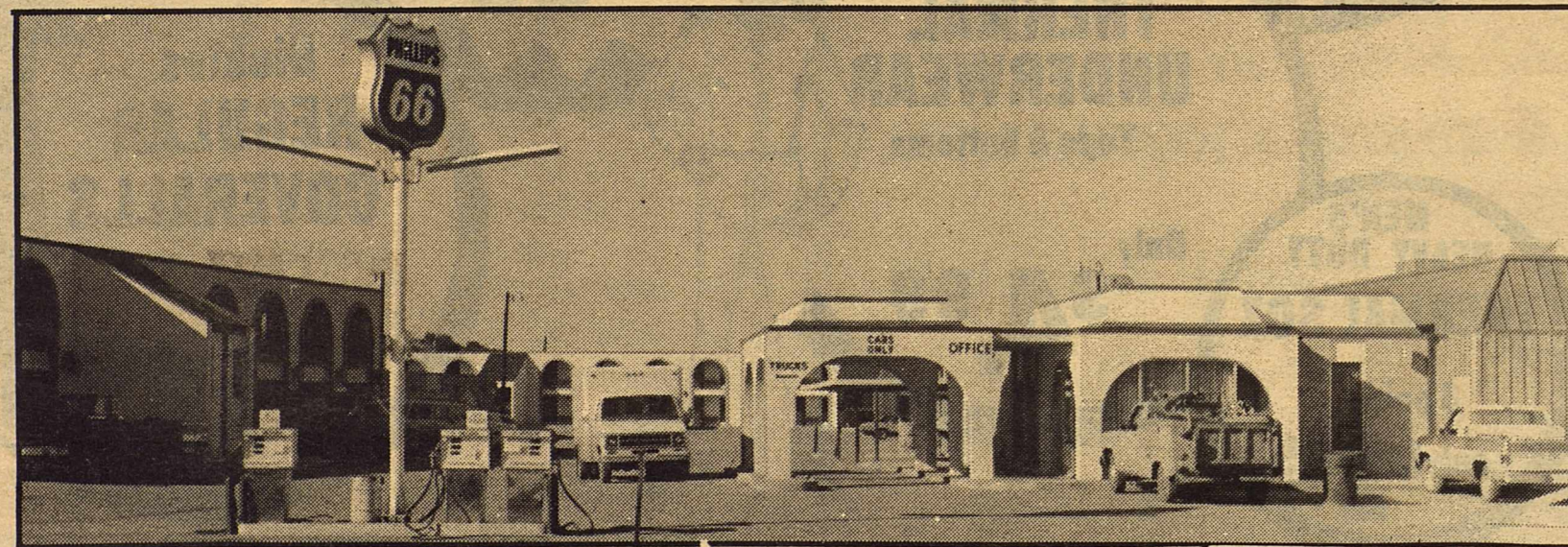
Dip potatoes in melted margarine and then in above mixture.

Place flat side down in a large browning bag.

Roll dove breasts in mixture and place on top of potatoes. Pepper to taste. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour. Serves four to six.

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## Improve Cover For Quail In Summertime

Summer is a good time to improve cover for quail. A little work with an ax or chain saw and some fencing can begin to show dividends by fall.

As most quail hunters know, quail are found in areas with a good mixture of grass, weeds and woody vegetation, explains Charles W. Ramsey the wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

An old house site, for example, frequently has a right combination of cover and hence a covey of birds.

"Cover" is a term used in a general way to describe all kinds of vegetation, Ramsey adds.

Vegetation might be divided into three categories according to growth habits: 1, the overstory, principally trees; 2, the understory, mainly shrubs; and 3, plants that grow close to the ground, for the most part grasses and forbs or weeds.

To have good quail ranges, each of these vegetative types must grow in association with one another. This means that the plants are growing in a suitable pattern over the land.

The overstory of trees must be thin enough to allow an understory to grow and make ground cover or proper density," Ramsey says.

Proper density is not a fixed ration of overstory, to understory, to ground cover.

The Rolling Plains, East Texas and South Texas all provide good quail range, but have different vegetation.

"Proper density is determined by quail in that eight-inch ground level layer in which the bird lives.

They look at the range from a level of about four inches above the ground, walk most of the time rather than fly, and are not built to negotiate a jungle of grass or even wade a shallow bog," Ramsey emphasizes.

Quail throughout the year prefer to range where about half the ground is exposed and the other half has an upright growth of herbaceous and woody plants.

Cover of this type is found in idle fields, open woodlands, crop fields such as corn with weedy growth, some grass or brush land.

Ramsey points out that seeds which quail eat can generally be found where the soil is exposed.

"Cover for quail protection consists of small shrubby thickets of woody vegetation. A checkerboard pattern of woody cover 50-50-150 feet apart allows full use of an area by quail," he adds.

Quality cover for bobwhites provides concealment from above, freedom of movement from underneath, and good visibility. It should be located on well-drained ground.

Coveys like to loaf, dust and move about freely under woody cover which protects them from above.

Such quality cover is frequently furnished by clumps of blackberry, wild rose, yaupon, cedar, plum, young pine, privet, sassafras, and sumac, says the specialist.

It is seldom provided by huisache, oaks, mesquite, haws, hackberry, elms and most other native shrubs that are grazed.

However, existing woody vegetation can be improved to provide suitable quail cover, Ramsey notes.

"A brush shelter can be constructed by half-cutting a tree about 12 feet tall and bending until the top rests on the ground."

"Additional brush and logs are then piled on the half-cut trunk until a thick covering is provided."

"Trees covered with grape vine or greenbrier can be half-cut so that it will continue to live and pushed over similar to the brush shelters."

"Purpose in half-cutting trees is to put the tops close

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## GUN SAFETY... IT'S UP TO YOU!



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1. Watch your muzzle so the other fellow doesn't have to.



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2. Don't rely on a gun's safety. Treat every gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire.



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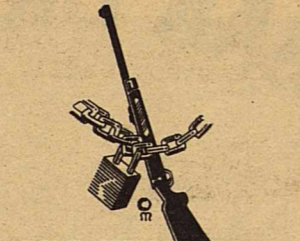
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4. Always wear eye and hearing protection when shooting.



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5. Don't shoot unless absolutely sure of your target and what is beyond it.



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6. Keep guns and ammunition separate and in locked storage.



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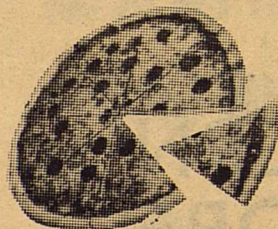
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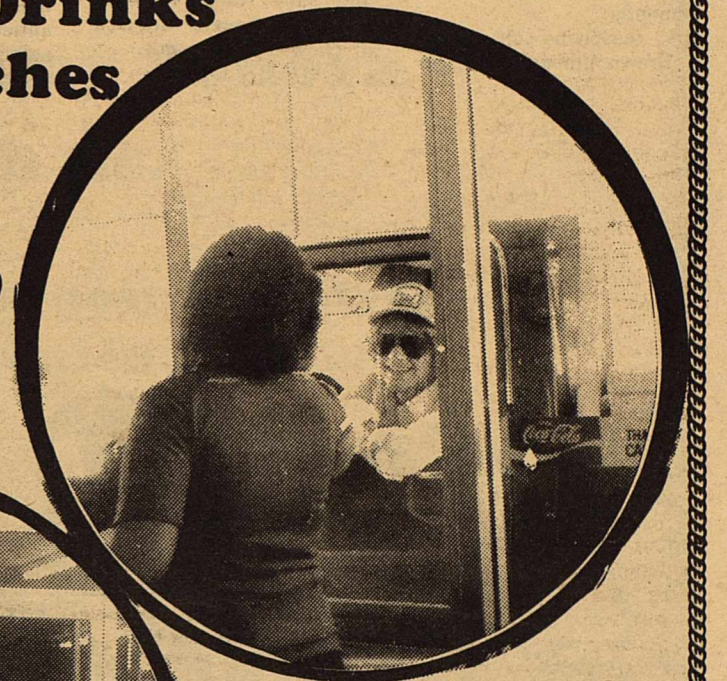


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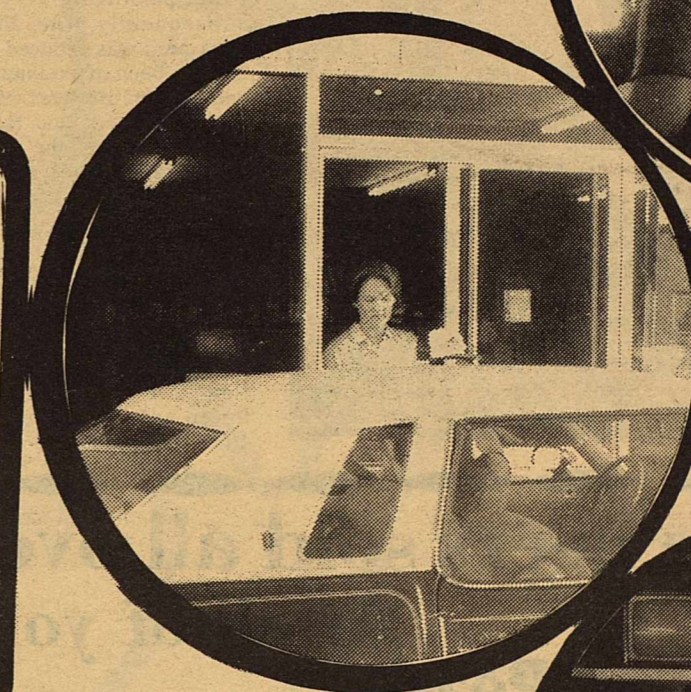
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 2 cups meat stock  
 1/2 cup sliced celery  
 1/2 cup slivered toasted almonds  
 1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
 Brown pineapple in the

margarine or butter for about 5 minutes. Mix cornstarch with pineapple juice. Add this mixture and meat stock to the browned pineapple.  
 Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Boil 2 minutes, then add meat, celery, almonds and salt. Allow to heat through and serve with rice or chow mein noodles.

high and the remainder kept on one of the two diets. In the fall of 1976 there were four distinct types of antler development as a result of the ration switch: (1) the worst antlers were on deer maintained by low-protein rations, (2) slightly better antlers were on bucks switched from high to low, (3) better antlers were found on deer switched from low to high-protein rations, and (4) the

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superior antlers were developed by deer kept on high-protein diets.

So far, deer on higher protein diets have one to two more points on their racks, spread of two to three inches more and antlers nearly 50 percent heavier. One buck, a six-pointer as a yearling, has been maintained on a low protein diet since 1975 and in 1976 he produced only a four-point rack. Average body weights for the eight deer on the high-protein diet are 143 pounds compared to 117 pounds for deer on the low diet.

#### Aim For Carrying Capacity

Key to good deer management is keeping the size of the deer herd reduced to the carrying capacity of the land. In order to effect the necessary experimental control of the deer herd, the Kerr Area was enclosed by a deer-proof fence in 1969. Subsequently, the Kerr Area herd was reduced to, and has been maintained at one deer to 10 acres on a one-buck to one-doe ratio. With the help of the deer-proof fence and annual public hunts, the herd has been held to the land's carrying capacity.

The effect has been dramatic. Prior to reducing the size of the herd only some 30 percent of yearling bucks had forked antlers. Now 70 to 80 percent have forked antlers. During the 1975 public hunt 18 year-

ling bucks were taken, none were spikes and most had six points or better.

After reduction of the herd, the fawn crop went from some 40 to 50 percent of the Adult does to 119 percent in 1975. Yearling does with fawns, an almost unheard-of phenomenon in most deer herds in Texas, became a more frequent occurrence. Almost half of the yearling does taken in the 1975 public hunt were lactating, indicating fawn production.

Before reduction of the herd, average field-dressed weight of fawns was 26 pounds; now the average weight is up to 36 pounds. Deer four to six years of age consistently have field dressed more than 100 pounds. Previously, average field dressed weight in this age class was 90 pounds.

#### Livestock and Whitetails

The Kerr Area deer herd also has flourished alongside livestock. Cattle on the area are rotated periodically from pasture to pasture. The livestock eat grass in an area which allows browse and forb (weed) plants to grow. Deer move into the pasture behind the cattle and feed on the browse and forbs. In paper numbers, white-tailed deer and cattle seem to complement each other on the range.

More of the same nutrition and genetic work is

planned for 1977. Switches from high to low protein diets and vice versa will be conducted; and more fawns sired by spike bucks and "Big Charlie" will be available for genetic studies.

Thus far in the early stages of the study, the biologists have not been able to determine what contribution doe deer make to the formation of antlers in their offspring. But even with limited data so far collected in the study, both nutrition and genetics seem to have definite roles in formation of antlers in white-tailed bucks. The study has indicated that with proper nutrition most of the yearling bucks in a herd should have forked antlers.

So far, a true genetic spike has not been found. Biologists at the Kerr Area still are skeptical about existence of spike gene but have discovered that genetics does play a part in antler development. They have theorized that genetically inferior deer will be spikes with normal or below normal nutrition. At the same time there are genetically superior deer which under the same conditions will develop forked antlers.

It is up to the hunter and land manager, through proper harvest of bucks, to decide which buck he would prefer to sire next year's fawns—the genetically superior or inferior deer.

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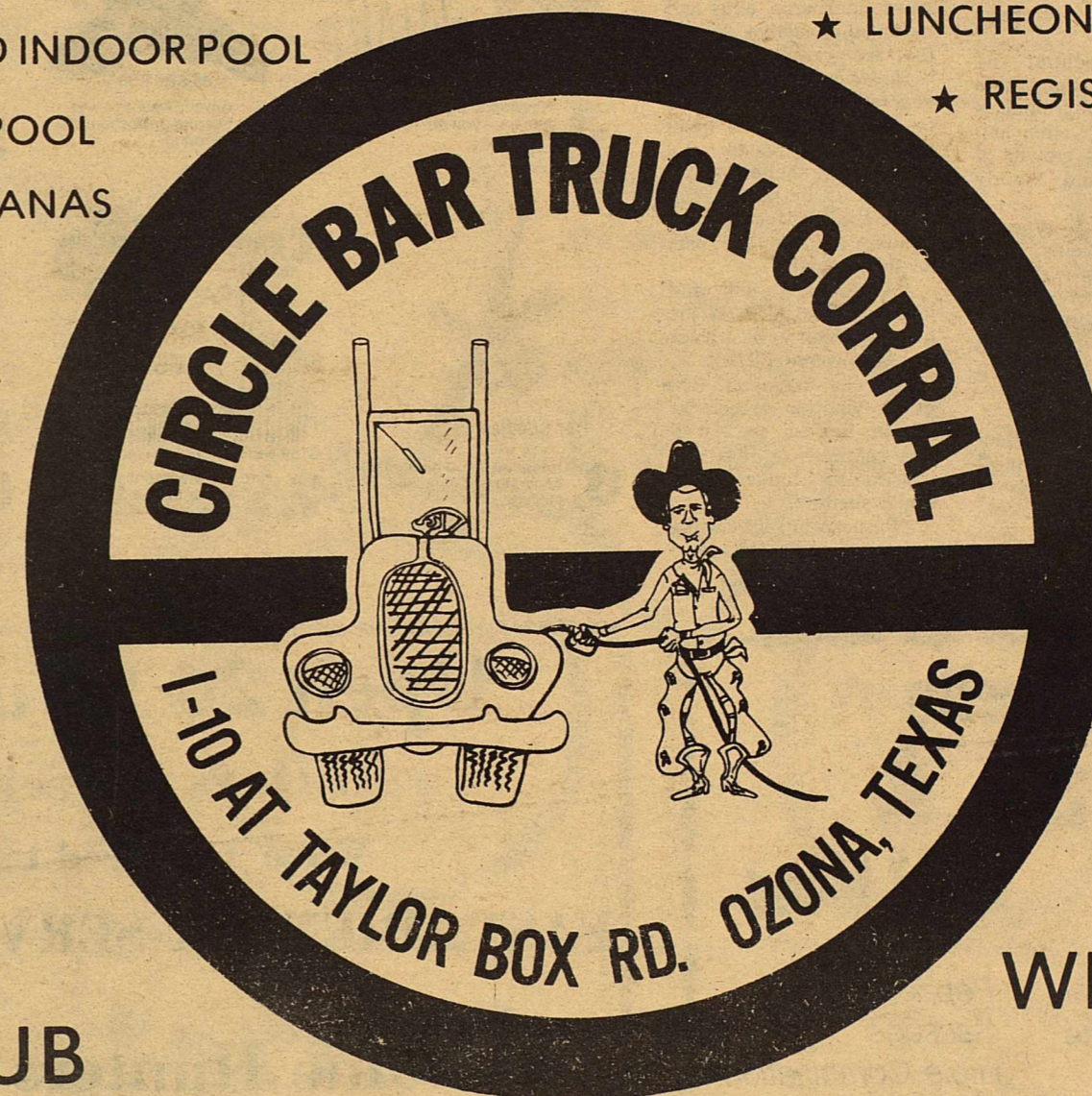
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## Good Nutrition Key To Healthy Deer Population

High quality nutrition is important to the maintenance of healthy populations of white-tailed deer.

Deer managers and wildlife enthusiasts-including hunters-should carefully monitor the quality and quantity of usable forage available to white-tails in accordance with population densities, says DR. Milo Shult, Area Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"In order to monitor the value of vegetation available to deer, the manager should first ask 'what do they eat?'"

"Food habit studies throughout Texas show that deer do best on and depend on a wide variety of plants."

"No single plant can be singled out as the best.

Therefore, looking for plant diversity is the first step."

Shult emphasizes.

These studies also indicate that deer rely seasonally primarily on browse and forbs at mealtime.

"Browse is simply the twig tips, leaves, and seeds or a production of woody plants. Forbs are the broad-leaved plants frequently (although incorrectly) called weeds."

"These high quality forbs can be important throughout the year and they are especially important throughout the year and in spring and summer when body requirements are high for growing antlers and nursing fawns."

Fortunately, in most areas of the state, these are the times when forbs are most abundant," he says.

If deer are doing poorly and preferred plants are overused or absent, steps should be taken to remedy the situation.

The most obvious are to reduce competition through an increased harvest of deer in the hunting season and to adjust livestock numbers.

"These are probably the best tools available to the deer manager," says the specialist who is located at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde.

Another method is to increase the available food supply. This is associated with planting food plots.

For example, oat patches are planted for deer and livestock to provide high quality forage in the cool winter months.

Planting can be a problem, however, points out the specialist. Land preparation and seed necessary to establish the planting cost money and is not appropriate for all range sites.

The Tennessee Valley Authority cooperated and provided the fertilizer used on the demonstrations. Soils of the Gillespie sites are of limestone derivative,

somewhat typical of a large part of the Edwards Plateau. The Llano County site soils are of granite origin typical of the Llano Basin. Both areas have relatively high deer densities, explains Shult.

"Test plots were established using various combination nitrogen-phosphorus applications to increase production on those soils. The highest rate on the Llano County demonstration is 180 pounds of actual nitrogen and 90 pounds of actual phosphorus.

On the Gillespie County demonstration, the highest actual rate is 120-90-0. These combinations seem to give greater diversity coupled with production than either element alone Shult noted.

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# Ethics, Courtesy Important To Hunters

This particular column is directed at the legions of deer hunters who will take to the field this fall.

It's about ethics hunting ethics in particular, and common courtesy.

In recent times, the hunter has been the subject of mounting criticism, espe-

cially from wildlife protectionist groups.

Such groups have depicted hunters as a slovenly group, uncaring, cold-blooded and sadistic.

Appealing as they do on a much distorted emotional level, these groups have gained considerable sup-

port among the general public and even among members of Congress.

But the war is just begun. The hunter is now on the defensive and is beginning to organize and answer his critics.

The facts are convincingly on his side, yet his critics remain unmoved.

"Don't bother me with the facts," the opposition says as they continue their emotional barrage and gain additional support.

The hunting public seems frustrated by it all. Facts may not be enough to stem the tide of mounting anti-hunting sentiment.

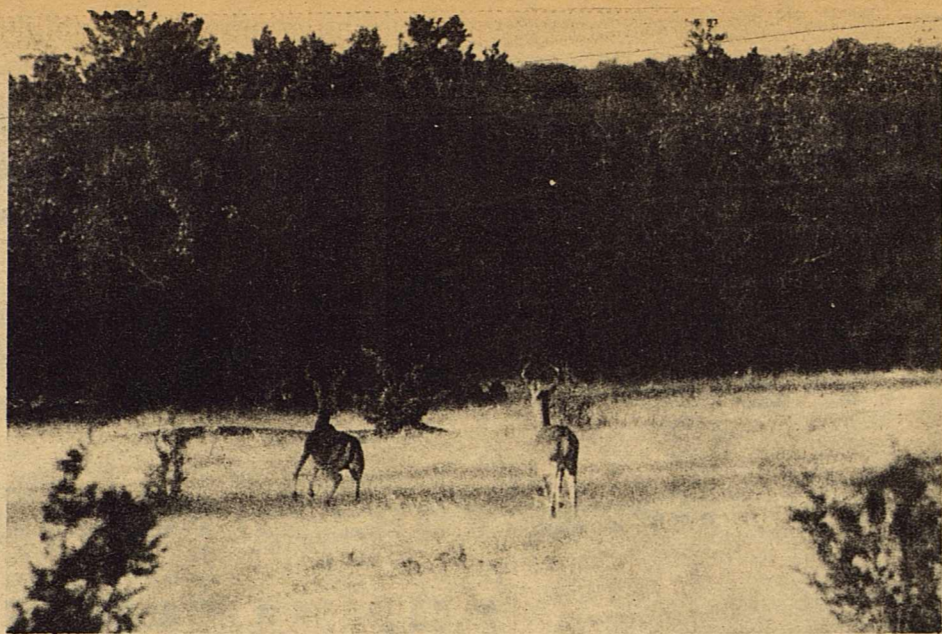
Something else is needed which brings me to the subject at hand.

I suggest a simpler approach: a grass-roots effort by each and every person who calls himself a hunter.

As a first step, each hunter must accept the fact that much of the criticism directed his way is pretty much of his own making.

Hunting is not a right; it's a privilege and a privilege which carries with it a great deal of responsibility.

Consider the damage that is done to the image of hunting by the people in the following example.



It was Saturday morning and John was reading the classified ads section of the local newspaper over a cup of coffee.

Spotting an ad offering a deer lease for the upcoming season, he immediately calls the landowner to get the details.

Then he calls his hunting buddies and they decide to drive out and see the lease the following day.

On Sunday, John and his friends show up at the lease unannounced.

The landowner is a little put out that they hadn't shown enough courtesy to call beforehand.

As a result, the hunters' first contact with the landowners is a negative one.

However, the landowner consents to show them around even though he hasn't had time to clean up the hunting cabin or get the deer feeders in shape.

Despite all that, the hunters and the landowner reach an agreement and the hunters leave for home and make plans for the big hunt.

The landowner wasn't particularly impressed with the hunters and the hunters weren't particularly impressed with the landowner but a place to hunt.

On opening day of the season, the hunters return. They find the hunting cabin has been given a cursory cleaning and some of the feeders have corn in them.

But the landowner didn't really put out much effort since the hunters weren't too concerned and hadn't even offered to pay for the corn used in the feeders.

Besides, one of the hunters apparently had left a gate open when they visited before and some of his cows had gotten out. Why should he put out the extra effort? The hunters hadn't.

The hunters did manage to kill some deer, between poker games and drinking sessions.

The deer were small, not many points and two of those had been gut shot.

Those two deer were immediately taken to a locker plant before field dressing. That didn't make the locker plant employees too happy either.

What's more, the hunters seemed to expect to get back a 100 pounds of venison from that 65-pound, hog-dressed deer. Think how disappointed they were to get back only 40 pounds.

From the locker plant the hunters go to a local cafe for a bite to eat. By this time they are a little "tanked up" and boisterous.

They pinch the waitress, carry on like immature schoolboys and at the end of their meal leave 50 cents tip to a waitress that they have nearly reduced to tears.

Do you think that waitress is going to have a good opinion of hunters? And what about what she tells her friends?

Is it any wonder then that the hunter's image is tarnished? Look at all the people those hunters in this example turned off because of their inconsiderate and irresponsible actions.

Is that how we as hunters want to be thought of? I hope not. So, let's begin this fall to clean up our act with a little common courtesy.

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